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From left, House Committee on Commerce and Tourism chairman Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan), Floor Leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), and Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan) during a Friday night public hearing on two bills seeking to legalize casino operations on Saipan.

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The House Committee on Commerce and Tourism's sparsely attended public hearing on Friday night received testimonies in support of allowing casino operations on Saipan to help save the local economy after the demise of the garment industry and a drop in tourist arrivals.

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NMI govt spending exceeds collection

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The CNMI government's spending has been exceeding its revenue from taxes and fees collected in four of the last five years, the latest quarterly economic indicators report from the Department of Commerce shows.

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Full scale exercise to put to test emergency preparedness of CNMI

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A 36-hour full scale exercise on Tuesday and Wednesday will put to test the CNMI's preparedness to respond to a terrorist attack.

Press Secretary Angel Demapan advises the general public not to panic as

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Pistang Pinoy draws large crowd

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Despite the scorching midday heat, a large crowd of Filipinos trooped to the Civic Center in Susupe yesterday to join in the Pistang Pinoy 2010 celebration.

Pistang Pinoy, which translates

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Young members of Uncle Ben's Dream Academy Stars perform a traditional Filipino folk dance called "Bulaklakan" while inset photo shows Fiesta Saipan Dance Crew's reenactment of the sewing of the Philippine flag, at the Pistang Pinoy 2010 at the Civic Center in Susupe held yesterday afternoon as a post-celebration of the 112th Philippine Independence Day on June 12.

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‘We’re not doing enough work in Washington’

» GOP’s Babauta calls for fairness, equitable solution on nonresidents’ call for improved status

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NMI Republican Party candidate for U.S. delegate, Juan N. Babauta, believes the Commonwealth is not doing enough work in Washington, D.C. to advance the discussion and articulate the real concerns and issues of its people.

MONETH G. DEPOSA

Republican Party candidate Juan N. Babauta, third from right, poses with his closest allies and supporters during a gathering at his residence Saturday night.

“If we’re doing our job in Washington, we won’t be rallying here for a cause. We should be talking about things that bring us together and not the things that set us apart. It’s happening now because of inability to articulate the complicated issues before the U.S. government and the same issues with the people of CNMI,” Babauta told an estimated 200 attendees in the party’s gathering at his residence Saturday night.

Because of this inability to address the issue in rational, fair, and equitable way, Babauta said this led the CNMI in a road of divisiveness and resentment.

In his 12 years experience as CNMI representative to Washington, Babauta has one message to share.

“I learned over the years that if you can have a meaningful dialogue, Washington will listen to you, will help you, and will provide the kind of legislation that the NMI people really need…and I feel that we are not doing our work enough in Washington to advance this discussion,” he said.

Babauta will run against three other contenders in the November election including incumbent U.S. Representative Gregorio Kilili Sablan, Covenant Party’s Joseph Camacho, and Democratic Party candidate Jesus C. Borja.

Asked on who will be his toughest opponent, Babauta declined to respond but claimed he’s the “best alternative.”

“As delegate, I want to strengthen our relationship with U.S. Congress. I want to initiate meaningful dialogues now that we have a seat at the table. I want to talk to them sensibly about issues that concern and affect our NMI people…because I feel very strongly that only through sensible and meaningful dialogue that many different things that we want to achieve for our people will be realized,” he said.

GOP president and member of the committee to elect Juan N. Babauta, Juan I. Tenorio, is confident the group’s standard-bearer will win in the November polls.

“I really believe that GOP has the right candidate for U.S. Congress. I am convinced that none of these candidates have the vast experience like him to fully understand what is the CNMI all about, what its going through, and what it needs….” said Tenorio.

He lauded Babauta’s legacy in various capacities he held, including Washington representative, senator, governor, health planner, chair of both the Board of Education and Board of Regents, instructor at the Northern Marianas College, and a well-established entrepreneur.

“He was there for 12 years … now that we have the opportunity to sit in the table, therefore we must bring him back to the position,” Tenorio said, adding the good relationship that Babauta established with other representatives in the U.S. is also an advantage for the CNMI.

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In all his years as Washington

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IN CASE VS ARRESTED JUVENILE DETENTION GUARD

Mailman appointed guardian for minor victim

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The federal court has appointed attorney Bruce Mailman as guardian *ad litem* for a ward who was allegedly forced by a guard at the CNMI's Juvenile Detention Unit in Kagman to engage in sexual acts while the minor was in custody.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge William Alsup said as guardian *ad litem,* Mailman will make recommendations to the court concerning the welfare of the minor child.

Guardian *ad litem* refers to an appointed guardian to represent the interests of a person with respect to a single action in litigation. In legal terms, it means "guardian of the lawsuit."

Alsup said Mailman will be provided reasonable compensation and expense reimbursement and shall have access to all reports, evaluations, and records necessary to effectively advocate for the child.

The judge said all papers to be filed in court that disclose the name of or any other information concerning a child shall be filed under seal without necessity of obtaining a court order.

He further ordered that the parties and the witnesses shall not disclose the minor victim's name at pre-trial proceedings or at trial in this case.

Alsup issued the protective order for the minor after the U.S. government, through counsel assistant U.S. attorney James Benedetto, requested the court to apply the privacy protection measures required by the Child Victims' and Child Witnesses' Rights Act in this case.

Benedetto said the privacy protection measures are mandated under the law when a case involves a person under the age of 18 who is alleged to be a victim of a crime of physical or sexual abuse, or a witness to a crime committed against another person.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation agents arrested Corrections officer Tyron Farley Reyes Fitial, 24, on Friday after an indictment was filed in federal court charging him with one count of deprivation of rights under color of law.

Leonardo M. Rapadas, U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the CNMI, said that Fitial's arrest comes as part of a wider and ongoing investigation into abusive behavior by guards at the Kagman Detention Facility.

In a press statement, Rapadas said Fitial is charged with violating a person's civil rights when he used his position of authority to force the child to engage in sexual acts while the minor was in custody.

According to the indictment, around October 2009 through February 2010, Fitial coerced the child by means of force and threats to engage in sexual acts while the minor was a ward at the Kagman Detention and Correctional Facility.

Fitial's detention hearing and arraignment was set for Tuesday, June 15, at 9am.

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representative, Babauta claimed that he stood up for foreign workers.

"Time and again, I stood up for them. I stood up for them to be paid the right and just wages, descent housing, and overtime pay. The Legislature then even labeled me as pro-alien…but I was merely standing for what is right," he said.

However, because of the lack of "fairness" on the Office of the Interior report that recommends longtime resident workers to become U.S. citizens, Babauta expressed his opposition to this specific recommendation.

"I have a little problem with that. It's not fair for a group of individuals to become U.S. citizens tomorrow, while a certain lady is standing in line for 10 years in order to become a U.S. citizen. When I talked about fairness and equitable, I talked about the very same thing today…" he told the crowd.

He also pointed out that it's not right for any Legislature to pass a law that legislates retrospectively.

"Legislation is meant prospectively—looking forward and not backward. You don't pass legislation to go after or cure crimes that were committed in the past but to prevent future crimes," he said.

Babauta said providing U.S. citizenship is not the real issue here.

"We're talking and arguing about an issue of citizenship when really it's not the issue. The real issue here is economy and how we will prevent this from collapsing. We should be focusing seriously on how to maintain a labor force that complements this economy," he said, recommending a special grant or longer term working visa for nonresidents.

Babauta and party officials described the event as a gathering for families, friends, and supporters who extended help throughout the years. Notable GOP officials and staunch allies were also in attendance.

The same ceremony also officially announced and welcomed the membership of Sen. Luis Crisostimo to the group.

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PISTANG

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to Filipino feast, is an annual event organized by the United Filipino Organization in celebration of Philippine Independence Day observed every June 12.

UFO president Olive Yana was pleased that this year's turnout was bigger than last year's, thanks to a much improved coordination between the UFO, the Philippine Consulate, and the Philippine Overseas Labor Office.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Members of the culinary arts and baking classes who prepared the food for the Philippine Consulate-hosted Independence Day celebration pose for a photo after the event at the Filipino Workers Resource Center.

"I am thankful for the success of this collaboration… We should keep in mind the reason for our celebration and do our best to serve the community for our country to be proud," Yana told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday at the Pistang Pinoy grounds.

The theme for the 112th anniversary of the declaration of Philippine Independence is "Kalayaan 2010: Tagumpay ng Bayan."

The Pistang Pinoy program started off with the singing of the Philippine national anthem and an invocation prayer by Fr. Celso Magbanua. Philippine Consul General Medardo Macaraig delivered the welcoming remarks.

The whole-day event featured 17 food and non-food booths as well as non-stop entertainment, including song and dance production numbers that showcased Filipino culture and tradition.

This year's celebration also featured parlor games for kids and adults, a singing contest for kids 9-12 years old, drawing contest for kids 7-12 years old, 3-on-3 basketball game, and raffle draws.

Major sponsors for Pistang Pinoy 2010 are IT&E, Marpac, Western Union, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, and Taro Sue Corporation.

Consulate-hosted event

A Consulate-hosted event marked the start of the Philippine Independence Day celebration yesterday.

Filipino community members and guests witnessed the raising of the flag at the ground floor of Marianas Business Plaza at 7:30am.

The event was also attended by Federal Labor Ombudsman Pam Brown, Japan Consul General to Saipan Tsutomi Higuchi, Labor administrative hearing officer Barry Hirshbein, and United Workers Movement-NMI president Rabby Syed.

Philippine Independence Day messages from different officials were also read.

After the program, guests were served with the event's highlight—a scrumptious feast prepared by the current culinary arts class and the graduates of the baking class which are part of the Consulate and Philippine Labor Office-sponsored livelihood course project.

With about 60 students and volunteers, the group started the preparations for yesterday's event on Saturday afternoon and continued non-stop until Sunday morning.

Chef Hermie Coronejo of Fiesta Resort, who is also the instructor of the culinary arts class, supervised the group that prepared, among others, *embutido,* stuffed chicken, *pancit,* fried rice, sushi, carrot cream soup, and sweet potato cream pie.

Despite lack of sleep, tattoo artist and culinary arts student Edward "Dodong" Elenzano eagerly shared with *Saipan Tribune* that just seeing the guests smile after taking a bite of the food they prepared makes their exhaustion worth it.

Jojo Sotto, a graduate of a baking class six months ago and is now a culinary arts student, felt proud of their contribution for the Independence Day celebration.

Macaraig, who liked the sweet potato cream pie best, said that this successful endeavor signifies that the members of the class have achieved independence in the true sense of the word.

"With the skills that they've learned, they now have a better idea of what they can do if and when their employment goes awry or they want to simply set up their own business, they now have something to do. And they have proven that they can do it because this is now the proof… Real independence is freedom from uncertainty," he emphasized.

CASINOS

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None of the 12 members of the public and government agency representatives present at the public hearing voiced opposition to the legalization of casinos on the island.

The public hearing on House Bills 17-55 and 56, introduced by House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio, was held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe on Friday night.

Committee chairman Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), along with four other lawmakers and six legislative staffers, wrapped up the hearing at 7:37pm, with only four members of the crowd testifying.

Ramon B. Camacho, chairman of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council, said while it's true that the people of Saipan had twice voted down casino as an economic option and alternative industry, those objections were during the times when Saipan was not facing serious economic problems.

"Today, the economic landscape is not what it once was and used to be. Saipan no longer has the garment to contend with, nor the air and shipping capacity advantage taken for granted in times past, much less the capability to engage in volume fuel purchase to lower fuel cost for utilities or vehicles, as it did in the past," Camacho told the committee.

Camacho said the CNMI economy "requires nothing short of a life support in order to rebuild its economic engine back to normal."

"If not casino now, then what alternative do we have in store?" he asked.

But Camacho said HB 17-56 needs to be amended before passage due to "serious flaws." The council will soon be providing Villagomez's committee with an analysis of the bill.

Juan Cabrera, a private citizen, said he is "pro-casino" because allowing the operations of such types of business on Saipan will provide jobs, generate revenue and revitalize the economy.

"Please support casinos on Saipan," he said.

Former House Speaker Pedro R. Deleon Guerrero, for his part, said a lack of public hearing on legislative measures legalizing casino operations on Saipan was among the main reasons why such proposals were defeated in the past.

"They did it without a public hearing," Deleon Guerrero said, as he lauded Villagomez's committee for holding public hearings on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota on HBs 17-55 and 56.

Deleon Guerrero gave three other reasons why the previous attempts to legalize casinos on Saipan failed—the Catholic Church was strongly opposing it, many in the community did not understand the issues, and political candidates were afraid to lose votes.

"Our people will be a minority. It's a fact. We have to prepare for that," Deleon Guerrero said, referring to a proposed casino corporation formed and operated by individuals of Northern Marianas descent. He said while others may see it as discriminatory, "but it's not unconstitutional."

He said HBs 17-55 and 56 are "fair bills" allowing foreign investors and individuals of Northern Marianas descent to operate casinos on the island.

Deleon Guerrero posed a challenge to anyone in the community, especially those who oppose the legalization of casinos on Saipan: "If you could think of one industry to help the economy beside the casino, then let's trash the casino (proposals). If there's none, let's work (together) and pass the casino bill."

Jesus Taisague, a businessman, said casino may be a lucrative business on Saipan. But just like Camacho, he said HB 17-56 needs to be amended.

Villagomez, in an interview right after the public hearing, said his House Committee on Commerce and Tourism will take into consideration all the oral and written testimonies received.

"Tonight, all of them support casinos on Saipan," he said.

Villagomez said his committee expected more individuals to attend the public hearing but only 12 did, on top of the 11 lawmakers and legislative staffers. Besides Villagomez, the other House members present were House Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan), House Floor Leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan), and Rep. Frederick Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan).

Villagomez said the committee may schedule one more public hearing on Saipan, to be held in Kagman.

He said at the public hearings held on Tinian and Rota, people requested the question of casino legalization on Saipan to be placed on the ballot; for example, through popular initiative or legislative initiative.

The public is still encouraged to submit written testimony on HBs 17-55 and 56. These written comments may be sent through fax, at 664-8966.

The author of the two bills, Tenorio, said his proposals will help generate much-needed revenue not only for Saipan but the entire CNMI, in these tough economic times. He had said that times have changed since the last time the Saipan casino initiative was rejected in 2007.

In the Nov. 3, 2007 elections, Saipan voters who voted "no" to the Saipan casino initiative outnumbered the "yes" votes, 4,721 to 3,492. The "no" to casino prevailed in all Saipan districts.

At that time, Rota voters approved an initiative to establish a casino industry on the island. One investor has so far applied for and granted a conditional license to operate a casino on Rota.

On Tinian, only Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino has so far been in operation since 1998.

But while the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism has yet to make a recommendation to the full House about the two bills, the Senate had already made its position on the casino measures known.

On April 16, the Senate adopted Sen. Pete P. Reyes's Senate Resolution 17-14, junking proposals to operate casinos on Saipan. The Senate adopted S.R. 17-14 on a 6-1 vote, with two abstentions.

Reyes (R-Saipan) said his S.R. 17-14 sends a "strong message" that the Senate will not go against the will of the Saipan people who rejected more than once the operation of any casino on the island.

SPENDING

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While most economic indicators like business gross revenues, exports, imports and tourist arrivals are based on calendar years, Commerce data on government spending and collection are based on fiscal years.

In 2009, for example, the government collected only $154.69 million in taxes and fees, but spent $168.12 million, representing a $13.43 million deficit.

Three of the prior years were no different. In 2005, government revenue was $210.29 million but government expenditure totaled $224.10 million, or a $13.8 million deficit.

In 2006, government spending of $195.60 million exceeded the revenue of $192.03 million by $3.57 million.

It was different story in 2007 when the government collected $163.03 million, but spent only $162.67 million.

In 2008, government spending of $170.60 million again exceeded by $8.34 million its revenue of $162.26 million.

The Fitial administration expects shortfall in collection again in FY 2010, which ends on Sept. 31, 2010. Gov. Benigno R. Fitial revised the revenue estimates for FY 2010 to only $137 million.

For FY 2011, the revenue estimates are further down to $132 million based on Fitial's budget submission, which includes proposed work hour cuts, unpaid holidays and freeze hiring on non-essential government positions.

EXERCISE

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the U.S. Department of the Army's National Guard, in collaboration with the CNMI government, will be conducting a full-scale exercise dubbed "Mesngon" which means enduring in the Chamorro language.

"Exercise 'Mesngon' will challenge and test the CNMI, military, and federal response agencies in responding, coordinating, and mitigating weapons of mass destruction," Demapan said.

The exercise will commence on Tuesday, June 15, to Wednesday, June 16.

"During this 36-hour period, various 'simulated incidents' will be conducted using real responders, vehicles, and equipment throughout different parts of the island. As a precaution to possible public alarm, the general public is hereby being given advance notice that you will be witnessing an exercise," Demapan added.

Among the agencies taking part in the exercise are the CNMI Emergency Management Office, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Public Health, the Division of Environmental Quality, the Coastal Resources Management, and the Office of the Governor.

DES celebrates different cultures of Pacific

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Dandan Elementary School celebrated the different ethnicities of the Pacific islands during its cultural day last Saturday.

The school, which is home to nearly 500 students, has students that represent approximately 13 different ethnicities with their own cultural backgrounds and traditions.

The parade of cultures kicked off the occasion that also saw the attendance of hundreds of spectators and guests who gathered at the school campus.

Principal Martha Igitol was overwhelmed with the turnout of the event which also served as the school's biggest fundraiser every year. The school in collaboration with the parent-teacher-student association spearheaded the festivities, which aimed to raise $5,000 for the school.

Unlike previous occasions, Igitol admitted that unlike the past 10 commemorations, this year's cultural day focused on promoting cultural appreciation among students..

"Although this is a fundraiser, our main focus mainly this year is for our students to be aware of their origins and the cultural identities of the neighboring islands. We're celebrating this the island way…and we featured Chuuk, Pohnpei, Samoa, and other Micronesian islands," Igitol said, adding that the occasion is getting bigger each year.

Besides the cultural performances, the event was also highlighted by the presentation of the school's Cultural Day King and Queen. Crowned were King Clint Ngemaes Jr. and Queen Carmen Jomel Rebuenog.

For sixth grader student Carlet Anota, the occasion brought harmony and better understanding among students.

"We got to know more about our classmates' origin…and learn to appreciate who they are and what culture they represent in our school," she said.

Jessmarie Taitano, 12, also a sixth grader, believes that knowing one's cultural background and tradition is also a way of showing respect and appreciation.

The celebration was also highlighted by various performances from students and from the community as well as a raffle drawing.

MONETH G. DEPOSA

Dandan Elementary School officials and PTSA members pose with this year's 2010 Cultural Day King and Queen during last Saturday's cultural day celebration at the campus.

OES raises $15K for school sports equipment

Oleai Elementary School raised over $15,000 during its cultural day celebration Saturday.

Organized by the school's parents-teachers-student association headed by Lauro Manacop, the event drew hundreds of people and sold out 4,000 tickets.

Manacop estimated the total earnings was between $15,000 and $16,000—a big amount that would help address the students' needs.

The theme of this year's OES cultural day was "Keeping our cultures, beliefs, and traditions alive for 52 years."

Oleai principal Glen Muna was overwhelmed with this year's turnout, which also saw the participation of the school's partners from the community and private sector. He lauded the active and aggressive efforts of the parents for making the event a successful one.

He said the event was a celebration of the school's diversity because its 526 students come from various ethnic origins and ethnicities.

The cultural day was highlighted by the traditional royal court presentation, performances, and raffle drawings.

Crowned the 2010 OES Royal Court King and Queen were Livinston Sigrah and ChloeAnn Fegurgur. Royal princesses included Maxima Ulloa, Jeanille Lizama, Monica Lizama, Hope Guerrero, Keana Gates, Tia Rutmag, Andela Romolor, Meryl Capalad, Rayna Rony, and Daveanne Suel.

Prior to the celebration, the school also conducted a theme contest for the occasion. It also provided a $1,000 cash prize for this year's grand raffle winner. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

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The Retirement Fund Board of Trustees, together with the Administrator and Deputy Administrator, would be holding a Public Forum to address the issues affecting the Retirement Fund Program.

Date: **Tuesday, June 15, 2010**
Place: **Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe, Saipan**
Time: **1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Open Forum**
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Fund Presentation

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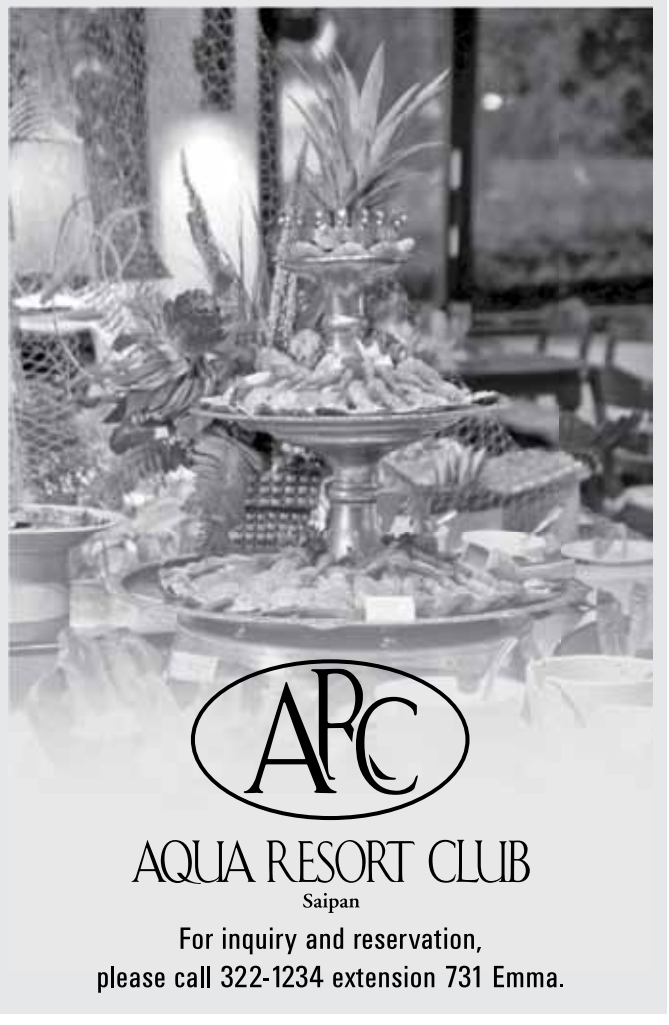

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Labor revokes umbrella permit of alien worker

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

The Department of Labor has revoked the umbrella permit issued to an alien worker and fined a water company in the sum of $5,000 for entering unapproved employment contract.

Labor Administrative Hearing Officer Barry Hirshbein denied Ri Jin a transfer relief and revoked his transitional conditional permit (umbrella).

Hirshbein also revoked Jin's Foreign National ID Card showing Saipan Cool Water & Ice as employer.

Hirshbein referred Jin's case to U.S. Immigration.

The hearing officer ordered Saipan Cool Water to pay a $500 fine on or before July 15, 2010 and stayed the balance of $4,500 for a period of one year.

"If there are no further violations by employer during this period then payment of the balance of the fine shall be permanently stayed," he said.

The hearing officer barred Saipan Cool Water from hiring any additional alien worker under CNMI Labor laws for one year.

Hirshbein referred to the Department of Revenue and Tax to review the tax issues in this case.

According to Labor records, Jin began working for Saipan Cool Water under a conditional grant of transfer approved by Labor on July 30, 2008.

The contract was extended for six months by agreement of the parties dated July 28, 2009.

On Dec. 21, 2009, Jin was served with a notice of non-renewal. He did not report back to work after that date.

In January 2010, Jin filed a labor complaint alleging that the actual agreement between them was to work on a commission basis.

Jin purchased water from Saipan Cool Water for $.75 per bottle and then sold the water for whatever the price he could get (typically $1.50 per bottle).

The parties agreed that the employee paid his own fuel.

From the time he began working in July 2008, Jin testified that he worked seven days a week for 14 hours per day delivering water.

Jin testified that he worked with Fanshu Wu and that they shared whatever they could make after expenses.

Wu continues to be employed by Saipan Cool Water. He testified that he was converted to an hourly employee after Jin's labor complaint was filed.

Kyo Nam Kim, the current president of Saipan Cool Water, took over responsibility of the company on Oct. 15, 2009. He testified that he and Jin discussed converting the employment to an hourly salary, but the employee wanted to keep the same arrangement.

Jin denied that the conversation ever took place.

In his order, Hirshbein said neither Jin and the employer kept any time records as the only record kept by the company was the number of bottles of water purchased by Jin.

Hirshbein said employer could not answer questions about whether the Business Gross Revenue Tax returns reflected the $.75 purchase price paid by employee or the $1.50 retail price paid by the customer.

The hearing officer said Kim assumed his duties on Oct. 15, 2009 so he either knew or should have known about the working relationship.

"Mr. Kim allowed the situation to continue with Mr. Wu even after Mr. Jin left the company. It was only after Mr. Jin filed this complaint that Mr. Kim took steps to comply with the approved employment contract," Hirshbein said.

Hirshbein said the unapproved agreement between the parties was apparently beneficial to both parties.

"This is a very troublesome case. The parties appear to have entered into an arrangement that was beneficial to each of them. Employee created his own work hours and made his own schedule," he said.

The employee, he said, was essentially an independent contractor.

Both parties, Hirshbein said, are guilty of serious violations of CNMI Labor laws and regulations pertaining to wage rates, hours of work payment of wages, contract changes, among other things.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that a Special Meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room in Garapan, Saipan, to meet with federal Directors from Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
A. Call to Order
B. Roll Call

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. DEPT. OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VI. OTHER MATTERS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: Pursuant to PL 8-41, Section 13(6) and (7), some discussion of the above may be under Executive Session.

/s/ MERCED M. TOMOKANE
Chairwoman of the Board

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REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, June 17, 2010, 9:30 a.m.
Commonwealth Law Revision Commission Office
House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe
Susupe, Saipan

Agenda

1. Preliminary Matters
A. Call to Order and Roll Call
B. Introductions
C. Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Govt. Act, 1 CMC § 9901 et seq.)

2. Old Business
A. Final Approval of March 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes

3. Executive Director's Report
A. CNMI Laws CD Price Reduction and Supplement
B. Upcoming Products
C. End of Fiscal Year Sale
D. Website Reconstruction
E. Grant Research
F. Staffing Matters
G. FY '10-'11 Budget Request

4. New Business
A. By-laws Review

5. Other Business

6. Adjournment

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to Lupe Kaipat who is celebrating her birthday today, June 14. We love you always and may you enjoy your special day! Much love from your babe, Kai-Lin, and the rest of your family.

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HAPPY GRADUATION

Congratulations to Lelani Monique Borja on your graduation today, June 14. You made it through your senior year at Marianas High School and we're proud of you. We wish you the best of luck. Greetings from Mom, Gen, Nesa, Princes, Cassy, Anky Bo-boy, Nino, Nina, Eli, and Corina.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CUC-RFP-10-036

IMPLEMENTATION OF WORKPLANS AT CUC POWER PLANT NOS. 1 & 2

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced environmental firms for the Implementation of workplans at CUC Power Plant Nos. 1 & 2, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The work includes installation of equipment, data collection and development and implementation of clean up measures. Deliverables also include submission of periodic and appropriate sampling and assessment reports, proposed cleanup action /plan and performance report. A final report will also be required that shows the workplan implementation. All the work will be done as a part of the US EPA Stipulated order No. 2 response action and is subject to their approval. This project will be funded through the grant awarded by the US Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs.

The Scope-of-Work will be e-mailed upon request, to all interested Offerors, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays, **until June 17, 2010.**

One (1) original and Six (7) copies must be submitted in a seal envelope marked **"CUC-RFP- 10-036 Implementation of Work plans at CUC Power Plant Nos. 1 & 2"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **June 22, 2010 at 10:00 AM. (CHST) local time.** A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Manuel B. Sablan, Procurement & Supply Manager at email msablan@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Late submissions will not be considered.

A Pre-proposal Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on **June 14, 2010 at 9:30 AM (CHST) local time** at the Saipan Lower Base CUC Power Plant No. 1 Administration Bldg.

All inquires must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (CHST) local time on **June 18, 2010** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Manager, Procurement and Supply Manager via email msablan@cucgov.net; Technical Manager for Oil, Mr. Will Sword via email sword.william@gmail.com and Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Managing Engineer, Power generation, via email venu@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. Contract/s will be awarded to the most responsive proposers, as adjudged by the Source Selection Committee (SSC). CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ ABE UTU MALAE
Assistant Executive Director for Operation

/s/ ANTONIO S. MUNA
Executive Director

Dela Cruz, Tudela join US Army

Two new soldiers joined the ranks of the U.S. Army Friday at the University of Guam Senior Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Commissioning Ceremony at the American Memorial Park Amphitheatre.

New second lieutenants Daryl Dela Cruz and Jana C. Tudela proudly accepted praise and awards before family and fellow servicemen.

Lt. Col. John Howerton lauded Dela Cruz and Tudela's journey to their commissioning.

"These cadets have endured the rigorous training that the University of Guam ROTC has to offer—from daily early morning physical training sessions to Friday morning military science labs on the basic tactics and techniques of soldiery drill and ceremony, movement techniques, field craft and map reading. They have endured navigation courses in the jungle and heat of the Marianas…night courses with the Taotao Mona looking over their shoulders, guiding them to their points," he said.

After being commissioned, the two officers received their "first salute" by family members.

Tudela's father is Department of Public Safety Commissioner Santiago F. Tudela.

"This is her dream. She has been working for three years; she has always wanted to be a second lieutenant," he said.

Dela Cruz will be taking a basic officer leadership course that will begin in August at Fort Lee, Virginia. After completing this he will report to Fort Hood, Texas.

Tudela

Tudela will also be taking a basic officer leadership course in September at Fort Gordon, Georgia. Upon completion of her course, she will report to Germany.

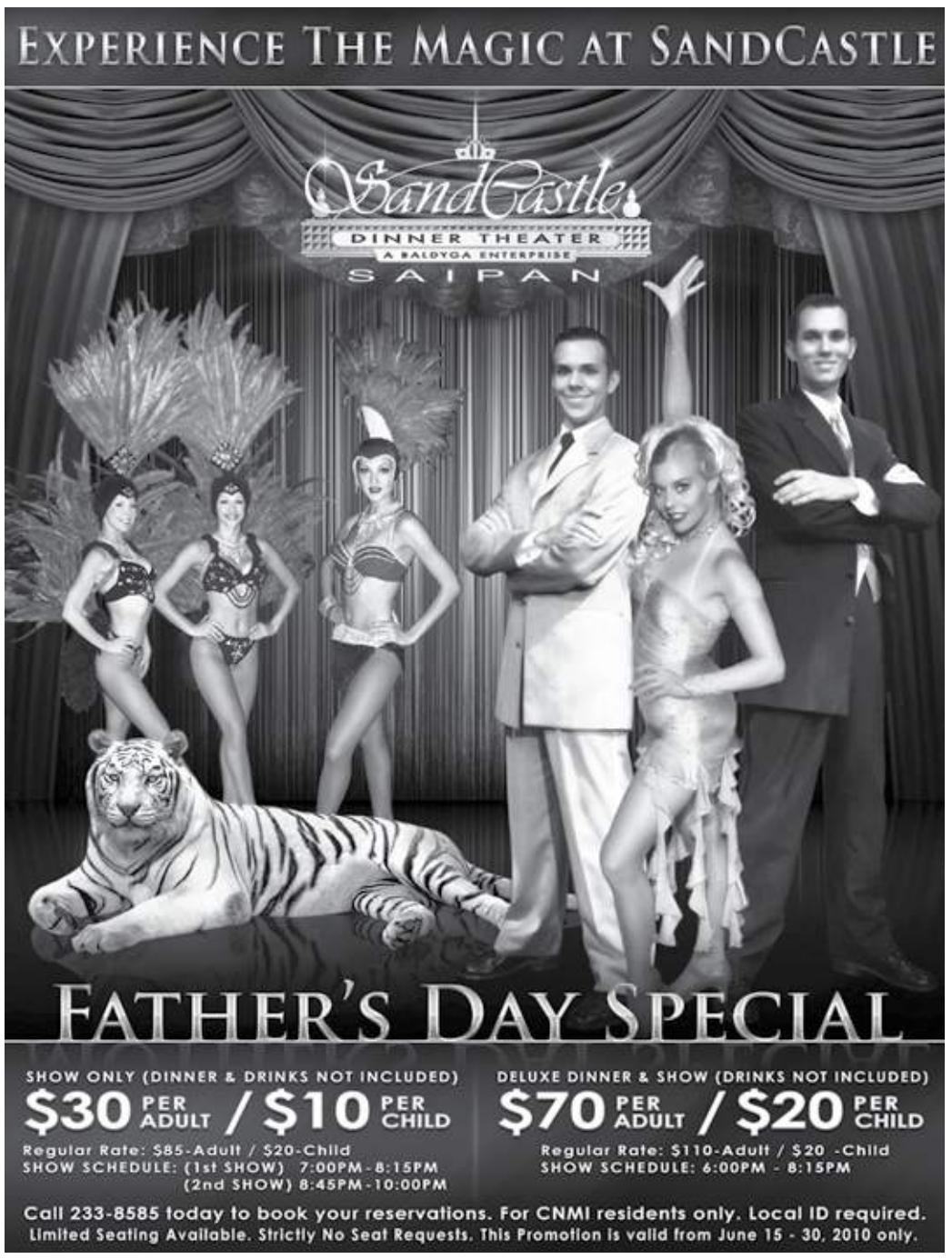
Also an NMC product

Tudela is a product of Northern Marianas College and as such the college's leadership is very proud of her accomplishment.

NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera congratulated the former student in her latest achievement. "We heartily congratulate 2nd Lt. Tudela on her commissioning," she said.

Tudela first enrolled at NMC in Fall 2004 and graduated with her associate's in business administration with an emphasis in computer applications. She joined the SROTC program when it was first launched in Spring 2006.

She then transferred to UoG Guam in Summer 2007 to complete the higher levels of the ROTC program there. ***(Moneth G. Deposa, Dencio Manglona)***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COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) will hold a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. TMS-2010-X-031 to conduct quarry operations on 50,000 square meters of land located in Piña, Tinian. Quarrying activities will include the use of heavy equipment for crushing, digging, sifting, sorting, and transporting quarry materials.

The public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at 6:30 pm, at the Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria**, in San Jose, Tinian.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and make oral comments regarding this proposed quarry project. The project file is open for review 7:30 A.M.–4:30 P.M. Monday–Friday at CRM office. Written comments may be submitted to the CRM Saipan Office located at Spring Plaza in Chalan Laulau , or mailed to Coastal Resources Management Office, Caller Box 10007, or faxed to 664-8315. All written and oral comments received will be made a part of the permit application record, and will be considered in any decision made concerning the proposed quarry project.

Please contact Coastal Resources Management at 664-8300 if you require further information regarding this notice of public hearing.

/s/ Rita C. Chong - Dela Cruz
Director
Coastal Resources Management

Man, company sue driver that caused three-vehicle crash

A man and his employer have filed a lawsuit against the operator of a pick-up truck that caused a three-vehicle crash along Beach Road, Garapan two years ago.

Allan Baltazar Vila and Yuns Corporation sued Shane Pangelinan Adriano for negligence.

The plaintiffs, through counsel Edward Manibusan, asked the Superior Court to order Adriano to pay them damages, court costs, and attorney's fees.

Manibusan stated in the complaint that on June 10, 2008, in the early afternoon hours, Vila was driving Yuns' 1998 Kia Truck north on Beach Road near the Century Insurance Building (now called JP Center).

Manibusan said without warning, a vehicle operated by Ana A. Lontoc crossed the northbound lane and collided with Yuns' truck driven by Vila.

The lawyer said the force of the collision caused Yuns' truck to flip on its side.

The truck received extensive damage and was rendered inoperable, Manibusan said.

The Department of Public Safety, he said, concluded after an investigation that Adriano was at fault when he slammed Lontoc's vehicle from the rear.

Manibusan said the collision was caused by Adriano's negligence and carelessness as he operated his truck at a dangerous speed and failed to reduce his speed to avoid a collision, among other things.

He said Vila suffered bodily injuries, pain and mental anguish, and distress.

Yuns' truck, the lawyer said, was totally damaged and the company suffered damages as a result.

Saipan Tribune learned that Vila at the time complained of pain in the legs. Lontoc had pain in the head, while her passenger, a woman, suffered abrasions on the left knee and pain on the right shoulder. Adriano received only a scratch mark on the left arm. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

CONGRATULATIONS!
Congratulations to Verna, top, and Brent Deleon Guerrero on your high school graduation today, June 14. You made it! Love you guys. Greetings from Jun and Beng.
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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 14, 1999

Guest workers make up 79 percent of CNMI's labor pool

The Northern Marianas remains heavily dependent on imported labor as non-US citizens still make up the biggest chunk or 79 percent of the combined 43,652 workforce on the island in the first quarter of 1999, according to a report released by the Department of Commerce. In contrast, US citizens supplied only 21 percent of the manpower in the labor force in the CNMI, the quarterly report says. Based on the definition of the commerce department, labor force is composed of individuals age 16 years and above. Of the total 54,540 number of people within this age group, 72 percent are non-US citizens.

Survey: Kids from low-income families less involved in school

The economic condition of a family affects children's attitude toward school, according to a national survey conducted by two Washington-based research groups. Children of lower income families are less likely to be "highly engaged" in school activities and are more likely to have behavioral and emotional problems, according to the recently released survey by the Urban Institute and Child Trends. The survey was conducted among adults from 44,461 households in 13 states. Respondents were asked about a variety of issues including their relations with their children, economic security and health care.

June 14, 2000

American Memorial Park needs $2 million for facelift

Additional government funding is needed to begin a major facelift of the American Memorial Park that community leaders hope will help boost the tourism sector and draw more visitors into the CNMI. A joint advisory committee of private and government officials tasked with the development project lobbied the Legislature yesterday for $2 million more to match initial funding secured for the ambitious plan. At the same time, the panel unveiled its project which will complement a revitalization plan for the Garapan tourist district to keep up with improvement done in neighboring islands, particularly Guam, that have offered new attractions to their visitors.

DPL backs bill restricting burial

Division of Public Lands Director Bertha C. Deleon Guerrero has expressed support to a proposed measure restricting the burial of human remains on the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota to designated public and private cemeteries. However, DPL recommended that management and monitoring for compliance of cemeteries be given instead to the Department of Public Health for consistency with existing laws for cemeteries. Public Law 11-117 gives administrative authority to DPH on Marpi Public Cemetery. Currently, it is drafting proposed rules and regulations governing funeral establishments, services, crematoriums and cemeteries.

June 14, 2001

Crackdown vs. sale of baby lobsters, crabs

The Department of Lands and Natural Resources has launched a crackdown on restaurants and grocery stores selling coconut crabs and baby lobsters. It said violators will be meted out with corresponding penalties. The crackdown is aimed at discouraging commercial sale of coconut crabs and baby lobsters, as well as dissuades fishermen from harvesting these marine products. New regulations issued by the DLNR Conservation District prohibit the harvest and commercial sale of baby lobsters and coconut crabs that are less than three inches. DLNR media liaison officer Mariane Teregeyo said Fish and Wildlife officers were dispatched to inspect various restaurants and grocery stores, to identify which of the islands' business establishments continue to sell raw and preserved crabs and baby lobsters.

Efforts beefed up to prevent entry of FMD-infested meats

The United States Department of Agriculture has taken tighter measures to reduce the risk of infected meats entering the mainland US, as well as insular areas including Guam and the Northern Marianas. This, even as USDA has lifted restrictions on the importation of meats from 10 European countries after passing the scientific risk assessment performed by the federal agriculture department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. APHIS Director Mitchell Nelson said restrictions are still in effect on products from high-risk countries such as United Kingdom, France, Ireland, Netherlands, and Greece.

CUC still looking for deputy of water division

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is still looking for a replacement for the post vacated by former drinking water and wastewater deputy director Bruce Megarr.

Assistant executive director Abe Utu Malae said CUC will re-advertise the position and its aim is to get a greater pool of qualified candidates.

Megarr's two-year contract expired in March and since then Malae has been serving in an acting capacity.

Saipan Tribune learned that in the initial announcement, eight individuals—including Megarr—responded to the advertisement.

However, Malae said the utility was unsatisfied with the pool of applicants, which necessitated the decision to re-announce the post.

He said the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is very interested in filling the position with the most qualified person.

The vacancy was among the key positions that need to be filled in order to comply with the federal stipulated order.

"Meanwhile I am taking over those responsibilities in the interim. EPA is very interested in this and other Stipulated Order 1 positions," he admitted.

However, Malae refused to discuss what happened to the initial applications received by the agency in its previous advertisement.

CUC executive director Tony Muna also announced his resignation and admitted that Malae would be qualified to replace him in the position.

Saipan Tribune learned that the governor has the authority to appoint someone in the post, which has to be approved by the EPA, again, per the job description and credentials enumerated in Stipulated Order 1.

"We must make sure the correct person is hired that can really do the job and that meets EPA approval," said Malae yesterday.

The assistant executive director said that the other positions are also being announced through the trade associations that would advertise the posts nationally in order to satisfy EPA.

CUC also rejoined two trade associations—American Water Works Association and American Public Power Association—to look for qualified workers

As of April, CUC has filled only eight of the 17 critical posts in the stipulated order. The federal government requires CUC to get seven professionals onboard and 10 technicians. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

FOR VIOLATING PROBATION CONDITIONS

Ex-convict gets two-month jail term

The federal court has revoked the supervised release of an ex-convict for violating the conditions of his probation and ordered him to spend two months in jail.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge William Alsup said after serving the two months in prison, Juan Teigita will be placed on 30 months of supervised release.

Alsup said during the supervised release, Teigita will be prohibited from using controlled drugs and consuming any alcoholic beverages.

Teigita will be subjected to random breathalyzer and drug tests.

The judge required Teigita to participate in a substance abuse program and refrain from gambling or entering poker or game establishments.

The respondent was ordered to report to the U.S. Marshals Service on Friday, June 11, to start the jail time.

Teigita admitted to the violation during the hearing last week.

Assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley said the U.S. government agreed with the U.S. Probation's recommendation to revoke Teigita's supervised release, put him back to jail for six months and place him on supervised release for 29 months.

Attorney Bruce Berline, counsel for Teigita, said six months is too severe and that would cause his client to lose his employment.

Berline said his client only missed the drug tests and was not found positive for illegal drugs use.

"The most important thing here is he's got a good job. If he goes to jail, he will lost that job," Berline said.

Berline said a week of jail term may be appropriate to send a message to Teigita.

Alsup said in his experience most of the probationers who refused to undergo drug tests did it because they knew they would be caught.

"I wish I'm wrong. But I like your argument that's he got a job," Alsup told Berline.

The judge said Teigita needs a "heavy duty encouragement."

Teigita said he knew the consequences of violating the probation conditions.

"I guess I just got carried away with my freedom," said Teigita, who admitted that he used illegal drugs a year ago and consumed alcoholic beverages.

He also stated that he has transportation problem and that sometimes he forgot his appointment with the U.S. Probation Office.

Alsup said he does not bite the excuse of lack of transportation because Saipan is a small island where you can use taxi or bicycle.

U.S. Probation Officer Melinda N. Brunson in her report stated that that on Nov. 21, 2000, Teigita was sentenced in federal court for the offenses of interference with commerce by robbery and use of a firearm in relation to a crime of violence.

The defendant was slapped with 96 months in jail and placed on three years of supervised release.

On Oct. 7, 2008, Brunson said, the supervised conditions were modified to include that the defendant submit to no more than eight drug tests per month.

Due to Teigita's noncompliant behavior, the conditions have been modified several times.

On Feb. 26, 2010, the defendant's supervised released was revoked for one day and he was ordered to serve an additional 12 months of supervised release.

Brunson said Teigita reported to the U.S. Probation for make up drug tests on seven occasions, but has not been making arrangement with Marianas Counseling Services to proceed with his missed counseling sessions.

Brunson said Teigita, however, had paid his special assessment fee and restitution in full, and completed his community work service, home confinement, and is gainfully employed.

According to court papers, Teigita and four other defendants robbed Sun Poker of $2,000 after beating its cashier, Elahi Md. Ashik, on Jan. 6, 2000. They also robbed LJ's Store of $200 after pointing a .22 caliber rifle to cashier, Ms. Huang, on Jan. 26, 2000. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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ITB10-DPW-114

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Sanctions against Iran fall short

The United States managed to win Security Council approval for new sanctions against Iran this week, but don't bet that this will slow down Iran's drive to acquire nuclear capability.

The Security Council vote may be a diplomatic victory for the Obama administration, but it falls short as an effective mechanism to deter Iran from its quest for nukes. The administration labored mightily to build a coalition for a resolution that would make it harder for Iran to obtain nuclear technology and finance commercial operations—without drawing a veto from Russia and China, Iran's trade and investment partners.

The new sanctions restrict the ability of Iran's banks to finance international deals. They add Iranian companies to the names on the commercial embargo. Nations are authorized to inspect cargo ships bound for Iran suspected of carrying nuclear material.

But winning Russian and Chinese support came at the cost of the "crippling" sanctions Mr. Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton originally sought. The result is a watered-down resolution with limited effect. Neither a Russian-assisted nuclear plant in Iran nor Chinese investment in Iranian oil fields will be affected by the sanctions. The Iranian economy will not be seriously harmed.

It's unlikely that the Security Council resolution—the fourth and stiffest set of sanctions imposed against Iran for its reckless behavior—will bring the regime of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to the negotiating table. The Iranian leader dismissed the new sanctions as "annoying flies, like a used tissue." His U.N. envoy, Mohammad Khazaee, vowed that Iran would not be deterred.

Just as troubling as the softening of the resolution was the inability of the Security Council to show unanimity in the face of Iran's continued defiance of the international community. No country voted against the three previous sanctions, but the vote in the Security Council on Tuesday was 12-2, with Brazil and Turkey voting No and Lebanon abstaining.

This is likely to be taken by Iran as a sign of weakening resolve by others and a measure of its own political muscle. Just a year ago, Ahmadinejad's regime drew international condemnation for the brutal suppression of peaceful protests against its fraudulent elections. Now those deadly actions seem to have been forgotten.

It is unclear exactly what Turkey and Brazil hope to accomplish by giving aid and comfort to Mr. Ahmadinejad and his cohorts in Tehran. There is room enough in the Western coalition for dissenting voices, but if the point is to show independence from the United States and its European allies on foriegn policy, the Iranian issue is the wrong place to do it.

If this misguided support strengthens Iran's resolve to become a nuclear power, it increases the likelihood of an eventual showdown with Western powers that profits no one. As a result, the failure of Turkey and Brazil to stand shoulder to shoulder with the international community on this important vote makes the world a more dangerous place.

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Excuse me! Where are we going?

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is the former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

Imagine sitting in an airplane and the pilot announces that he has no flight plan. He is just going to fly around until he reaches anywhere. Where? Anywhere! Or imagine driving on the freeways in Los Angeles without a destination. Just drive around until the gas runs out. No destination—no direction—no goal! Just anywhere!

What are our goals for the CNMI? What plans do we have for achieving them? Have we decided what course of action the CNMI must take to recover? What is our course of action in dealing with the United States? Or is it that we don't have any and are just floating like a straw in the wind turning as the wind blows us? Frankly speaking, we are like blind mice in a maze, running helter and skelter wildly and aimlessly.

All my life people have preached to me: "Goals! Set goals! Make plans to reach those goals! Work your plan!" Repeatedly they have told me that without plans and goals, I would flounder aimlessly around like a ship without a rudder. Why is it that our leaders who claim to be "leaders" have no sense of direction yet want to lead? Lead to where? As Earl Nightingale always said: "Success is the progressive realization of a worthy goal."

Today we find ourselves in a serious situation. We are literally bankrupt and refuse to admit it. We cannot even agree on a simple matter as a budget. Government agencies do not know how many employees they have or the duties they are supposed to perform. When they spend money there is little tracing of the effects of that spending.

We have no plans for correcting the problems at the CUC. Didn't we know ahead that money would be needed to buy fuel for the generators? Last year it was the generators. Every year it is another problem. The grand plan is to keep raising rates. We feel that money is the real problem at CUC. We keep slapping on bandages and call that a goal. CUC keeps raising rates and the heck with us consumers. We just keep taking the abuse silently.

We have no plans on how to cooperate with federalization. Instead we pout like little children shouting that they don't ask our permission before deciding anything. Why are we not making plans to meet these problems head on?

Instead of level headed planning and goals, we are fed scare tactics about how Federalization is going to destroy us. We will lose our tourist market. Local government workers are being fired and replaced with state siders. Help! The sky is falling.

If we want to know where we will be in a few years down the road, we need roadmaps. We must know where we wish to go, and why we wish to go in that direction. We must know when we will arrive at that goal. We must know what to do to succeed. And lastly, we must know how we are going to reach our goal. But one more ingredient is needed to reach our goals. We must have constant monitoring and adjustment as we approach our goal. Monitoring guides our plans more positively towards our goal.

Imagine a businessman going to the bank requesting a loan. The first question the bank or lender will ask is "May I see your business plan?" If he doesn't have a strong one, guess what? That's right, no loan. And the reason for the refusal is that the lender sees little chance for success without a plan and goal.

How can the CNMI with about a 70,000 population, plus or minus, spending millions of dollars yearly and trying to promote a wholesome and prosperous life for its citizens, succeed without a plan and goal? It boggles my mind. Is it any wonder we are lost?

I challenge the administration and the Legislature to talk to us directly and explain their plans and goals so that we may better understand. I strongly urge the governor to talk to us directly and frequently, not through his press secretary or brief news clips. We must hear from him directly and understand what he and his administration are doing to relieve our pain and anxiety. I suggest a weekly or bi-monthly television direct talk to us. In this manner we can better understand what is happening and how he is coping with it.

Once we understand the direction we are heading, I am confident we will cooperate better and even sacrifice to achieve the goal. Instead we remain divided—the administration in one corner, the Legislature in another, and we the people scratching our heads wondering where are we headed. How often does the administration and the Legislature talk and plan with one another? Do they respect each other?

If the administration wants something passed, it calls its party loyalists and presses them to get it passed, regardless of the results. Private agendas and private deal making are the norm of the day. But when people are sincere, any disagreement is a stimulus to cooperative action. This is called the art of negotiation. Everyone at the table should win.

Ask any government department head to see his plans and goals for his agency. Ask some Legislators for their plans and goals for being in office. Ask the administration to let us see its plans and goals for the Commonwealth.

No individual or nation will ever succeed without a plan. Someone once told me: Without planning, we plan to fail. If we stick to the plan—working it correctly and with determination—it will take us to a successful goal. A successful life and nation must be a planned one with definite goals.

I try very hard not to be critical because that doesn't solve problems. It merely angers people. What I am trying to do by writing these comments is to urge us to think and express out thoughts. We must demand plans and goals. Unfortunately there is too much talk and little action. And the negative actions I see are disheartening. How can those actions be denied?

I am not criticizing any individual or group, but I am criticiz-

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So you don't want to be an American! No problem

By WILLIAM H. "BILL" STEWART
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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To those local residents who were recently quoted in a recent edition of a local paper stating that they don't want to be an American citizen. I say, "don't worry by that very admission—at least in spirit—you're not."

In all my years of world-wide travel and assignments among many nations—the first and only time I have ever heard such statements has been by a few in the Marianas.

To those who express such sentiments—as a former foreign service officer, I have friends at the U.S. Department of State and I can help you register your desire to relinquish your unappreciated American citizenship. Send me your full name and I will forward it to my friends and they will enter it into the department's vast, worldwide computer data base and you won't even have to send in your U.S. passport to have it canceled. They will take care of it for you. No problem.

The culture of America is freedom and liberty and the tool is citizenship. The right to criticize; the right to hold unpopular beliefs; the right to protest; the right of independent thought. Those are some of the reasons many foreign workers want to stay in the Northern Marianas after their work contracts expire and choose to remain—even illegally if they can get away with it.

Of course, it's America's fault—America is to blame with its culture of freedom—that "mental narcotic of the spirit" that all—(excuse me—"most") people seek—it's Freedom.

One thing about America is the freedom permitted to try to compete at being the best of anything you can be. Regardless of what the endeavor might be: basketball, singing or pickling prunes—if you reach the top of your field in America—you are probably the best in the world.

I can't help but wonder if those in the NMI who profess they do not want to be an American may be because they are loath to have to compete and must rely on some social or economic advantage to provide a head start in life's race. I wonder?

The rights provided by U.S. citizenship are too numerous and vast to list in the space available. Just consider this—U.S. citizens have the right to sue their government and its officials or any agent there-of who use their authority to violate rights guaranteed by federal law. How many countries around the world offer that right to their citizens? Precious few I wager.

Want to witness this process in action in the NMI? Watch the outcome of the federal case involving the guard at the Kagman Juvenile Detention Center who alledgedly deprived a minor inmate of their civil rights. It all goes back 66 years ago to an event which took place on the islands.

Sixty-six years ago this month much blood and treasure was risked and paid on Saipan and Tinian to advance the cause of freedom in the Pacific.

Eventually, the effort resulted in U.S. citizenship being conferred upon those islanders in the NMI who qualified for the honor.

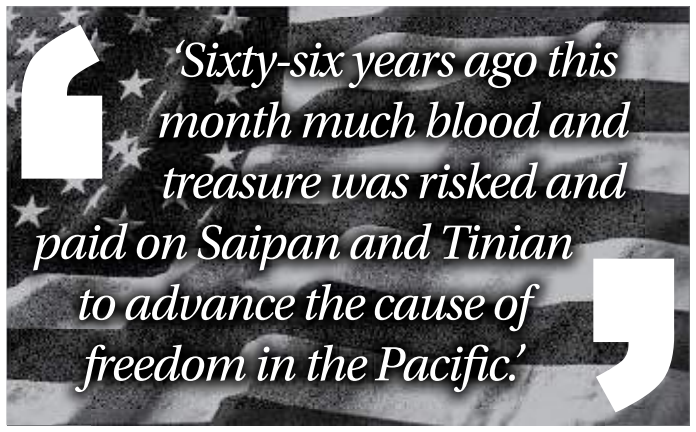
Today people risk shark attacks in the Florida Straits; sneak across the Mexican border; stow away in freezing aircraft wheel bays; falsify documents; marry for green cards; try to purchase illegal passports; enlist in the military or hide in dank, dark holds of rotting foreign ships—only to get dumped off American shores to "swim for it." Others attempt to bribe officials and some perhaps even murder to try to get into the United States.

If you doubt this desire for freedom ask several of the Cuban Americans now in Florida and elsewhere who dared the treacherous shark infested water of the Florida Straits to escape Cuba in flimsy rafts and automobile inter tubes.

Why? Because they think, as I do, it's the best country on earth in spite of it's imperfections.

To my knowledge some national borders where illegals don't attempt to cross to enter are: Cuba, North Korea, Libya, Burma, Zimbabwe, Iraq, Afghanistan, Somali, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Syria and almost all of the countries of the former Soviet Union.

There are hundreds of thousands if not millions the world over who covet having U.S. citizenship. Why is it that not too many people apply for citizenship in the above countries?


'Sixty-six years ago this month much blood and treasure was risked and paid on Saipan and Tinian to advance the cause of freedom in the Pacific.'

If you are the holder of a U.S. passport and don't know—you don't deserve to be told by me. But ask any sixth grade student for the answer.

It is certainly within the right of any indigenous islander, or anyone else, to chose to continue their U.S. citizenship identity or not. No one twists your arm one way or the other. However, I would take care not to insult those brave Chamorro and Carolinian men and women who have honorably and faithfully served our great nation. One of whom I have had the honor of meeting. He is Staff Sergeant Brandon Camacho, son of Ben and Cindy Camacho. He has received five—yes, five—combat wounds and has been awarded five individual Purple Heart Medals on as many different occasions. What dedication, what courage, what character.

He has been "hit" so many times his men refer to him as "the bullet magnet."

We have many patriotic NMI men and women serving the nation in the uniform services past and present. All have distinguished themselves. Among those of which I am aware are three Command Sergeant Majors. They are: Vincent Camacho and two of my valued friends, Martin Manglona and Frank Cepeda.

The Northern Marianas has contributed more members to the United States uniformed services as compared to its population size than any state within our great country.

And let us not forget the gallantry and valor of the local "island scouts" who assisted the U.S. military during the 1944 invasion of World War II 66 years ago. No one forced them—they didn't have to do it—but they did.

So—to those of you who don't want to be an American and do not value your U.S. citizenship—how dare anyone insult those gallant members of our armed forces with their sniveling, whining complaint of not wanting to be a U.S. citizen when it is so easy to officially disclaim.

How dare anyone deprecate the honorable service to my country by these praiseworthy Americans from the NMI and their selfless, voluntary contribution..

If you are among the elected officials who have publicly stated you do not wish to be an American and you want my assistance in helping you nullify your citizenship—please contact me at saipanstewart@aol.com and identify the district you represent. I assume you were elected to mirror the attitudes, beliefs, and opinions of the majority of the voters in your district who elected you—but I could be wrong. I'll look up the district population figure and balance it against the voting records of the most recent election. I thank you in advance as this will make my effort to assist you in opting out of citizenship much easier.

By the way, I won't charge you for my help. It's nothing—for nothing. (Oops—a double entendre!)

However, if you are one of those who are just talking and too fearful of abandoning your U.S. citizenship because of the benefits, comfort and safety it provides you —then just shut up. True Americans don't want to hear or read your drivel.

Silensiu Na Minachom Atdau

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Buente pot tutuhon semana na mampos silensiu i tanu gi minachom atdau guine gi alacha. I burukan tautau, kareta, gaga yan ruplanu mampos ñañgun. Ni un' paluma gaige ni sessu man -adulalag gi troñkun lemon giya hame. Mafattu gi hinasoghu kau guaha ti mauleg mamamaila'? Sige kumilulog hinasoghu dispues hu dispachan ñaihon.

Lau sige ha' tatte pañgpañg napun tiempun eskases. Pottanmonedan familia mas bahu. Tai bali fuetsaña 'nai sige presiun nesesidat hulu deste gaselina, kandet yan hanom, fektos, yan otru siha nesesidat familia. Mas man-masapet i 400 na empleau gobietno ni man-maribaha sueddon niha. Makat na kontrariu piot para ayu siha i man-gai famaguon sanlagu ni umañgoñgoghu ayudon mañainan niha pot nesesidat.

'Nai mampos teug i asuntu siha, hu sugun karetahu katan gi Beach Road para bai' e'fresku. Kulan laña i tasi gi sanlagu kontra un' bonitan atdau ni kumeke machum gi puntan rubentasion. Hana' ma'agim dididi siñienteghu I gatbo yan pasifiku na tasin Saipan. Hu bisita lokue 'nos kuantos talayeru ni munae'yu kelaguenhu tiao. Esta manana hinasoghu 'nai hu tigis doni sali yan lemon kanu'un gi manai'hu tiao.

Lau gaige gi tatten hinasoghu i didog na baban tiempo piot chathinasson matriatkan yan patriatkan familia kada makonsidera uttimu suspiros gi haanen niha antes de oran deskansu. Muñga nina' fan disgananau sa megai lokue pumadedese parehu mattiru. Muñga lokue man-matman; koni familia para i gualu ya in' tutuhon mauleg yan benefisiosu na aktibidat kulan tane' uttimon semana.

Manteni fitme i timamagtos na sensian esperansa (hope) taimanu i man-guelota ni fumagchae' ya masuñgun todus mattiru yan mattrata pot hita. I ta padedese pagu siempre gai tiempu ayu mina debi u guaha satton na inadahe gi pottanmonedan familia. Hungan, guaha na esta na'tañga 'an silensiu mampos oriyata.

Man-magradua na sakan

Hafa mohon na mensahe propiu para i man-magradua na sakan? Kau magahet na guaha esperansa gi futuron niha tat komo chochu 'sino fondu para u fan eskuela kolehu? Guaha propiu yan dichu na ineppe para i dos kuestion?

Pot ihemplo: Guaha $72 miyon pesos salape natibu gi Marianas Public Land Trust. Mauleg manasañgiye salape scholarship lau umalimitte gi famaguon natibu solu. Ti mapot este na kuentas ya matto i tiempu 'nai debi uma-usa salape tautauta ni benefisiosu para famaguon natibu.

Guaha otru manera siha 'nai siña manasetbe este na fondu. Lau debi i manehanten MPLT de u estudiaye satton hafa este siha na asuntun natibu. Mauleg tana' fan man-hasso i manehante na Marianas 'nai gaige offisinan MPLT, ahe' to Guam 'sino otru lugat 'nai sessu mafatinase eskusu pot para u fan pasehu.

Fañaga gi tanu ya in' chegue chechu linahyan. Man-ma'apunta hamyo pot chechu publiku, pues debi u guaha satton na kinimite ya inna' bali hafa dichu offision miyu.

Para i man-magradua na sakan, muñga nina' fan chatsaga gi hafa planun miyu. Petsige i guinifen miyu umadelanta futuron miyu sa' ennau un' fitme yan maug' na disision. Piot sa' ni unu u gaige 'nai mamokat hau namaisa dispues de todu i selebrasion. Tutuhon kumayon yanu na plaset ginen fitme na ineyag 'sino edukasion pot planun offisiu dispues de estudion miyu.

Eskomen Mai'es Antes

Hu lie' un' mitate gi hiyuñg gima kompaireghu. Guiya este na kosas antigu i manasesetbe para umamulinu eskomen mai'es. Ha tutuhongue' este gi magugan mai'es ni matala dispues gi papa' somnag estake añglu'.

Masumai yan afog. Dispues de 'nos kuantos dias machuda' ya mahinagua. Tinatiye este 'nai magulig i mai'es gi hilu mitate para titiyas. Pagu i atmayas, gigon magugan, ensegidas mafa' atuli para benefisiun todus. I atmayas yan atulin mai'es paire para miriendan taloane.

Ti hu tuñgu kau guaguaha' chumochogue eskomen mai'es na tiempu. Yangin guaha interesmu, faison si nana ya un' finana'gue mientras tantus. Tat mas paire na titiyas mai'es fuera ke fresku na mai'es ginen i gualu. I antigu na neñkanu Chamorro mafanana'an "sentadan ñalañg" pot maug' gi halom estomaguta.

Matulaika todu este 'nai humalom bokan chadeg siha tat kumu hinegsa, cereal, donuts, hamburger, pan mames, tinilada na gimen mames, yan todu klasen mames. Inaminasa sisteman hinemlu natibu ya megai pagu pumadedese chetnot daibetes yan korason. Piot ya un' gulusune dispues umasun hau gi menan television. Magpu' i nobena!

Taya este siña tumulaika soluke hita mismu. Ya debi u tutuhongue gi hita petsonatmente gi hilu' metgot na diniseha para tafan homlu. Hagu ha' kapitan este na batku ya hagu mismu siña dumiside kau para un' sufa' i mattiñgan dimalas pat un' petsige propiu sagua' hinemlu.

Estaba un' grupon empleau ahensian gobietno para u fan amotsan taloane gi fina' resturan (restaurant) gi Bietnes Santo. Sumeha unu sa' ma'gas ayu na haane ya taya gaige gi lamasa soluke putahen katne siha.

Sinañgane ni un' gachoñgña: "Kanu i katne, dispues hanau ya un' konfisat. Ennau 'nai na mana' guaha konfisinariu para un' konfisat naihon i isaumu siha". A`Saina!

The Weather

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲88	▼81
Palau	Showers	▲85	▼78
Yap	Showers	▲88	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼76
Pohnpei	Rain	▲84	▼76
Kosrae	Showers	▲89	▼79
Majuro	Rain	▲86	▼78

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲56	▼49
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲87	▼68
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲84	▼71
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲65	▼53
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲76	▼60
Manila	Thundershowers	▲90	▼79
Melbourne	Sunny	▲57	▼38
Miami	Thundershowers	▲89	▼80
New York	Thundershowers	▲84	▼69
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲80	▼66
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲68	▼54
Pusan	Showers	▲73	▼65
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼67
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲76	▼49
San Francisco	Sunny	▲75	▼59
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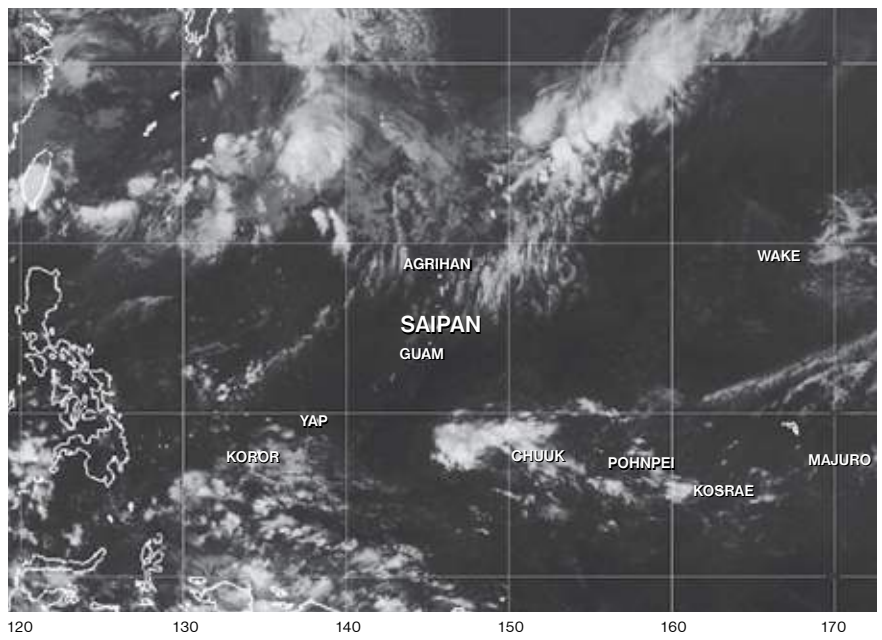

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A stationary front extends southwestward from 25N155E to 23N150E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found along and up to 140 miles northwest of the front. A nearly stationary front extends southwestward from 25N137E to beyond 130E at 23E. Converging winds near the front are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms within 120 miles of either side of the boundary. A surface trough extends southward from 10N147E to 3N147E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found over Chuuk between 10N and 6N from 145E to 153E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Koror within 100 miles of a line from 5N130E to EQ142E and over Pohnpei within 100 miles of a line from 7N155E to 5N162E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:00 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet
7:40 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
3:14 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
10:27 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Tuesday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Wednesday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Thursday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Friday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	7:13 AM	8:34 PM
Tuesday	8:17 AM	9:27 PM
Wednesday	9:18 AM	10:14 PM
Thursday	10:18 AM	10:59 PM
Friday	11:15 AM	11:42 PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 27, 2010

DEPARTURES

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	5:55am	8:35am	Daily
DL297	3:35pm	6:15pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:10am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/703	2:20am	11:00pm	1 via ICN
OZ606/703	2:50am	11:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ608/705	3:20am	12:10am+1	1, 5 via PUS
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	4, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05am	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL290	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ706/607	3:35am	2:20am+1	4, 7 via PUS
C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3,5 via GUM-Palau
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN
OZ750/605	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4 ,6 ,7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
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The learning revolution

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Roman de los Santos' *History of the Northern Marianas Educational System* caught this eduphiliac's fancy. I took more than a cursory interest. The recently published book was his doctoral dissertation some 20 years ag. It bears two recommendations.

First, a call for accountability in the educational system, presumably, measuring stated goals against performance. The language of process evaluation in organizational development I am familiar with includes applied research *inputs*, identified *outputs*, and narrated *throughputs,* OD in conscious mode. A dynamic notion within bureaucracy either topples the organization to grow a new one, or dies a stillbirth with its carcass incorporated into the old, giving it a semblance of assimilation and acceptance.

Recall what happened to accountability in the unlamented *No Child Left Behind* that was used as a threat by nascent Nazis administrators to elicit compliance of all forms of requirements. We trained teams of bean counters whose function was to design standard measures, preferably one that fitted all, so that the culture of conformity would prevail among students and teachers, lending both to easier management, if not control. There is power behind every compliance regulation; the bean counters became ascendant powers.

Education as a critical function in any social unit creates a microcosm of the society where it occurs. The top down autocratic mode of Spanish society translated into the selectivity of educating peons for the civil and religious establishments. The two-storied *Guardia Civil* did not bother to educate, it just recruited troops and told them to obey.

The Germans, already into the industrial revolution, handled disparate concerns through administrative bureaus. Enlightened knowledge was the province of educators and the oligarchy of expertise evolved. Knowledge in management and administration ruled over practical resource sustainability, just productivity and equitable distribution. The Hapsburgs' Pacific holding was hollow, more malleable for bragging rights than delivery of profit into imperial coffers, so education was ignored. But preeminence of abstract thinking found its way to American education.

The American system is remarkable for its proletarian bent toward public education, seeing learning as a civil right rather than a legal privilege. The proliferation of land grant institutions of which NMC is one, and mandatory public education of which PSS is executor, are indicative of democratizing the enlightening of the masses.

Unfortunately, the American effort got stuck in the factory model. PSS exemplifies the ideal of centralized operation towards uniformity, conformity, and linear progression of stages of development. This is not a critique of the model for it influenced other educational systems in the world, particularly the public education push. The Spanish, German, and American system all performed their function in their specific places of application, and in their time. But as human beings, we respond to radical changes in the environment, or when we are consciously rational, we design.

Our environment has radically changed; it is time for radical designs. Roman de los Santos' second recommendation is on bilingual education. One wishes he pursued this further than just noting the failure of educating students in English. We did not fail; we did not know how. Now we do. Bilingual education presupposes the acceptance and virtue of being able to operate within two human thought forms and patterns. In the multiversity of the world, nothing is more damaging than the notion that some cultural inheritance is superior to others. The neo-colonialism of English-only sweeping across suburban and rural America, and its preeminence as the language of commerce and industry around the world, makes the issue of language learning critical to education.

PSS credo is STUDENT FIRST. What if we took that seriously, and ask first, what does the student need, and what curriculum can be built to meet the need? Individual creativity becomes a preferred goal; a percentage of a group passing standard assessment to qualify for more federal grants would be unconscionable. So would the lowering of eyes on those who take on menial and repetitive work. Language learning would be an act of consciousness, of one's own native thought patterns, and that of another. Teachers training would follow the rationale of education.

Students would not attend school, per se; rather, we would build schools as greenhouses, conducive to the growth of the student—bodily, emotionally, mentally, and socially. Integrative methodologies and comprehensive context would prevail over memorization of encyclopedic details. Spelling bee would not trump uke playing. Every student would have an individualized education plan (IEP), and we would not spend too much time trying to figure out how to fix a student's deficiency, but rather focus on the sensual, emotional and intellectual prowess mother nature and our specific cultures have gifted each of us. Education would become a lifelong endeavor at reflected consciousness and not just a momentary stop to qualify for the job requirements of government and commerce.

I guess, it is time for another drop-in on autism Mama Bobbi Merfalen at NMC, and talk curriculum.

Letters to the Editor

Casino and politics

It seems the casino issue is still being tossed around as it has truly become a political football and everyone who is willing to carry the ball is stepping up.

Now there are more leaders and people in high positions making public statements about their desire for a casino. This is clearly a "political tactic" to get other people to follow blindly. We see this tactic all the time and most recently after the gubernatorial general election that led to a runoff and the independents' endorsements decided the election.

The person who gets the most people, especially elected leaders, to go public usually wins and has become and almost a full proof approach in the CNMI. This is really a cultural phenomenon that has migrated into our politics, as the indigenous cultures dictate that "you follow the leader and don't challenge their decision."

Follow the leader is a game I used to play as a child but I soon learned as an adult that "our leaders work for me"—meaning we (the people) need to be telling our leaders what we want and not let them shove things down our throats. The only reason we keep hearing about the casino issue is because we keep putting the wrong people in government.

The local people are always talking about respect when an outsider is involved but what about the respect for two previous decisions by the people against a casino and the disrespect of local people to try a third time to shove it down our throats?

The other political tactic is "fear" driven by race and culture and it works every time with the local people. I really feel sorry for those who can't see for themselves when our leaders are truly taking us in the wrong direction and they just follow along. We teach students today to become "independent thinkers" and it is something more adults in the CNMI need to practice given our challenging economic and now social situation. The last time we followed the speaker he got us in so much trouble with the feds that we are still suffering from the perception he created about the CNMI in Washington. The feds didn't just get upset at us and it started with our speaker when he was governor—know your history or you will be doomed to make the same mistakes. So do we (the people) really want to follow him again, especially when it defies common sense to say that a "casino is the only thing that can help us." He is selling fear and the sad part is some people will actually buy this B.S.

We are now living in the age of science and the old style politics is dying fast and the casino idea can't answer the first scientific question and here's the proof. Where are the reports or study to prove that a casino is our only hope? What research and economist supports such a statement? Who are these investors of the speaker that have been trying for a decade to start a casino on Saipan? What proof is there that no other industry can help our economy? I could go on and on but I think the average reader has gotten the point—the casino idea is just what it is, all talk and no facts.

I can easily predict that the politics of the CNMI is headed for a big change if our leaders don't change. We have been spiraling downward at a very fast paste for several years and I just won't when the people are going to get tired of suffering and following people that are clearly taking them in the wrong direction—do your economic homework on the hill for your constituents and stop following the leader. One people headed in one direction for a real economic recovery plan and not some "pie in the sky casino."

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman

The mess at CUC continues

I hate to be critical of the administration but anyone who has been paying any attention to how they are handling CUC should know that they do not have any idea as to what they are doing. The governor has had control of CUC for over three years and where are we now? There is still no money for fuel, parts or for repair work on the systems.

So what is the answer, privatization? But not the way the government wants to do it. I want the residents of Saipan to form a co-op utility and buy CUC from the government. This is not an easy thing to do. The residents of Saipan will have to get behind it and support it. Once the co-op is formed all the residents will be able to buy shares in the co-op. The share money will be used to purchase CUC and for operating capital. When we get it back on its feet and making money we will be able to pay quarterly dividend on the shares. The good thing is that all the money will stay here on Saipan. We will not be making some foreign company rich.

I know that a lot of people say that we do not have the expertise here on the island to do it. Well, I worked for CUC for 13 years and I say that we do have the expertise. If we look at the entire population of the island and not at just one political party we can do it.

We this is a decision that you the residents of Saipan must decide. Do you want to keep going the way you are paying high utility bill or making some foreign company rich or do you want to stand up and take control of your lives and make this a better place to live.

Think it over, whoever controls the power controls the island.

I do not know about the rest of you but I am sick and tired of hearing the governor crying that they do not have any money. I may be simple minded but if I was short of money and I had hundreds of millions of dollars just lying on the ground I would be selling it and using the money to fix up the mess we are in. I am talking about the volcanic ash on Pagan. The ash from that volcano lying on the ground on pagan is worth millions of dollars. Would someone please tell me why we are not selling it and using the money to settle the government debts on Saipan? Would you please ask your elected representatives what are they doing?

I will be putting out another letter the first part of July. I hope by then we will have some answers from the lawmakers.

As usual I must make it clear that the ideas that I am putting forward are mine and mine alone.

Frederick A. Prosser
As Matuis

Legalizing marijuana will lead to problems left and right

I'm just writing in agreement with Mr. Del Benson. I wholeheartedly agree with him. Knowing the consequences of having access to marijuana will definitely bring more problems than solve them.

The states of California, New Jersey, and others who have allowed the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes, which were recommended by professionals who think that they'll benefit from this prescription, are having problems left and right due to the way the prescription and distribution were administered.

Recipients of such were becoming dealers themselves and the local government is having a grand time trying to figure out who did what and what happened.

I hope our congress and our administration will not support this dangerous idea! It is not good for the economy and certainly not good for the future of our children!

Jack Taitano
New York

EXCUSE

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ing the system that allows this to happen. We keep going around in circles begging the United States to help. But we do little to help ourselves. Improvement begins with us. Please—please, let's do some planning, good or bad, but at least let's plan with a goal!

As I mentioned at the beginning this article, I cannot understand why we refuse to make plans and set goals. In the few times when we do make them, we cast them aside quietly in a short period of time. Why do we continue to fail to agree among ourselves on some of the basic ideas? What can we expect from the future if this is the attitude we insist on? The drifting and shifting must stop. Steer the ship firmly ahead until we reach our goals. We need to set goals supported by realistic plans. Once agreed upon, we must then strive hard to achieve them.

Our motto should be: "What can we do for our islands, our community and for our future?" If we love this country as much as we say we do, then we will have no problem finding solutions and making sacrifices to achieve them. The solutions to our problems lie within each one of us. Think about it!

Let us set a course and work hard to achieve it. Let our voices be heard. Stop the aimless drifting. If we don't, we may not like where we end up. Alan Paton once wrote: "Cry, the beloved country, for the unborn child that is the inheritor of our fear." Is this our legacy to our children? Are we fearful of something and that is why we don't plan? So once again I ask: "Excuse me! Where are we going?"

Pistang Pinoy 2010

PHOTOS AND TEXT By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Erica Fae Tubera performs a song number at the Pistang Pinoy 2010 held at the Civic Center in Susupe yesterday afternoon, as part of the post-celebration of the 112th anniversary of Philippine Independence on June 12.

Children take part in a drawing contest.

A woman takes a look at the clothes for sale at the Pistang Pinoy or Filipino Festival.

Filipino actor Bojo Molina, who is now based in Guam, was the special guest star.

Members of Tau Gamma Phi in the CNMI in their booth at the Pistang Pinoy.

Bayani Association members wait for their turn to perform a country cha-cha.

Members of the audience take photos of the dance performances.

Fiesta Saipan Dance Crew members hold symbolic flags during a dance performance.

Uncle Ben's Dream Academy Stars members perform a traditional Filipino Muslim dance, one of the crowd-drawers at the festival.

Adopt-a-Bin Program tackles marine debris

Little more than two months have passed since Mariana Islands Nature Alliance installed mixed waste and recycling bins at public beaches in efforts to prevent trash from becoming marine debris.

Marine debris pollutes our shores and surrounding waters, posing a significant risk to marine life from entanglement, and/or ingestion and smothering.

Almost 7,000 lbs. (over three metric tons) of waste—45 percent of which was recycled by Ericco Enterprises for shipment off island—has been hauled from Wing Beach, Garapan Fishing Basin, 13 Fishermen Monument, Kilili Beach, Susupe Park, Sugar Dock, and Laolao and Obyan beaches.

This project would not have been possible without the Adopt-a-Bin sponsors who pay for weekly trash collection services and funding provided through a grant from The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

"We are committed to taking a lead in environmental stewardship," said Joven Cruz of Tan Holdings. The company adopted Susupe Park in 2008 and has been helping the Department of Land and Natural Resources to renovate the park's pavilions, and keep the grounds clean. "When we learned of MINA's Adopt-a-Bin Program we knew it would further enhance the beauty of the park if refuse and recyclables were properly collected…. company management immediately were in support of this green action," said Cruz.

Ted Parker said he decided to have his business adopt a bin because "Brabu Pharmacy is part of the community, and as such, we have a responsibility to improve our surroundings."

Glen Perez of the Rotary Club of Saipan, another bin sponsor, commented, "The project is definitely good for the island. The more bins out there for locals and tourists to see, the more they will understand the goals the island wants to convey to everyone, which is not to litter." Parker agreed, saying, "Anything we can do as a community to maintain a clean environment for our residents and especially our tourists is worthwhile. It just makes the island a nicer place to live."

Although MINA's initial goal was to provide just seven sets of bins, the program has been a wild success with nine sets already in place and more adoptions on the way. MINA is currently finalizing "adoption papers" with IT&E and Docomo Pacific for two more locations, one at the Oleai Sports Complex. "This area gets more water bottles and recyclable material than any other area on Saipan that I have seen. From what I have heard from other people the recycling bins are doing really well," said Nick Swaim, a field coordinator for the Oleai Sports Complex.

To promote the use of the bins and proper waste disposal, MINA has also been at work raising community and visitor awareness about the harm posed by marine debris and what one can do to help prevent it. MINA volunteers are giving classroom presentations at schools, deputizing Litter Patrol officers, and manning booths at the Sabalu and Thursday night markets to spread the word. "It is our hope that people will be convinced to take some simple steps to lessen this growing problem for our oceans," said Agnes Sablan, MINA executive director. "Plastics do not degrade easily and are the largest contributor to marine debris. The less we consume, the less we have to worry about throwing away. A simple first step for anyone to take is to say 'no' to an offered plastic bag at the store and use your own reusable bag instead. It's that easy. "

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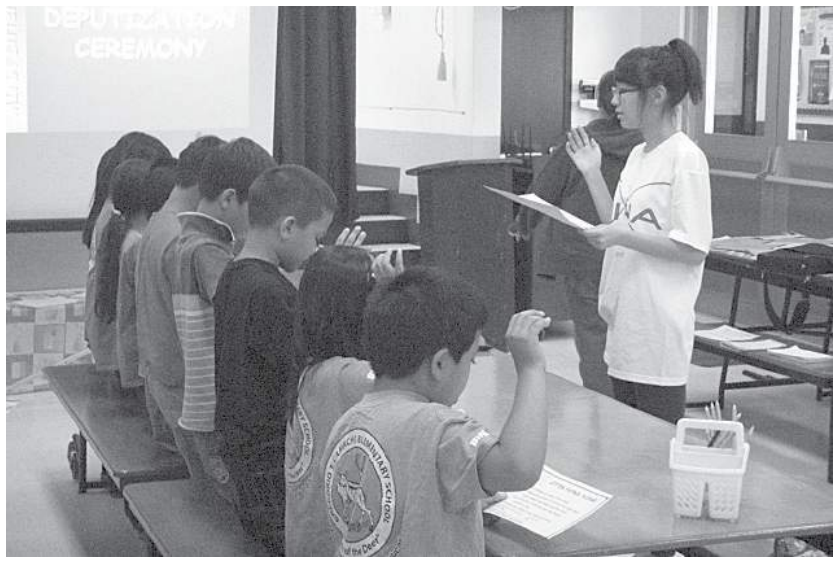
Marine debris pollutes the CNMI's surrounding waters, posing a significant risk to marine life from entanglement, and/or ingestion, and smothering.



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Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School students were deputized as MINA Litter Patrol officers.

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Participants play the "How Long 'til its Gone" game at the Thursday Night Market.

MINA is currently looking for more outreach volunteers. For their efforts, volunteers earn a limited edition volunteer T-Shirt, reusable shopping bag, and a set of three UV-resistant stackable recycling bins for their home or place of business, paid for with funding from NOAA's Marine Debris program.

If you are interested in MINA's Adopt-a-Bin program, wish to become an outreach volunteer, or just want to learn more, contact 233-Reef, kathyjuk@gmail.com, or visit MINA's website: www.minapacific.org click on the "goals and project" tab for more information. ***(PR)***

CRM *Congratulates* MINA *on marine debris program*

Since 1983, Coastal Resources Management Office has been charged with promoting the conservation and wise development of coastal resources in the CNMI. Working closely with other agencies such as the Division of Environmental Quality and the Division of Fish and Wildlife, CRM continues to ensure that the CNMI's coastal resources will be around for future generations.

"A large part of CRM's success relies on the strength of our partnerships. Partnerships with other government agencies, non-profits, and community groups help us to provide the best services possible for the community," said Rita Chong-Dela Cruz, CRM director.

In particular, CRM is excited to support the success of a new program developed by one of its youngest partners, Mariana Islands Nature Alliance (MINA).

MINA's Marine Debris Program, which includes the installation of trash and recycling bins at a number of beaches on Saipan is successfully preventing significant amounts of trash from becoming marine debris and a hazard to our environment. As Chong-Dela Cruz stated, "The Marine Debris program is an excellent example of what a group of committed individuals can do to help protect our island environment. CRM looks forward to future partnership opportunities with MINA."

For more information on how you can help with MINA's Marine Debris Program, contact 233-REEF, kathyjuk@gmail.com, or visit MINA's website: www.minapacific.org click on the "goals and project" tab for more information.

For more information about the Coastal Resources Management Office, call 664-8300, or visit our website: www.crm.gov.mp.

Maïa goes global to seek support for Tinian Peace Center

Tinian's ubiquitous people and peace advocate, Maia, the lady who's been running her free books and donation center there for over five years, will be leaving the CNMI next week, at the request of a wealthy international businessman who wants her to be a "roving house-sitter" for his homes in Arizona, Paris, and Finland—plus Rome, when a residence is purchased there.

As Maïa puts it, this was an offer she couldn't refuse, since it will give her the opportunity to meet with peace activist groups in the U.S. and Europe, to talk them into joining the effort to establish her planned P.A.X. Center on Tinian.

The "Peace Activists Exchange" idea was made public in an article the *Marianas Variety* ran recently and Maïa is hoping she will finally get the vitally needed support for the project from Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz, so she can assure potential participants that local government is behind it one-hundred percent.

The first stop on this long-time globetrotter's latest odyssey will be Queen Creek, Arizona, a small community near Phoenix. After she settles in there, the owner will be sending her off to check on his other homes, so after a five-year-plus "rest" here in our tranquil islands, Maïa will be racking up frequent flyer miles between the non-stop online, in person, and e-mail work she says it will take to put the Peace Center plan together and get the funding it needs.

A major downside to this opportunity is that her Helping-Hands Free Books & Donation Center will have to be closed again, since local government won't support the program. "It would only have cost $300 a month for the building, where a volunteer could live rent-free, to run the center while I'm gone," said Maïa. "Surely such a small sum could've been found *somewhere* in the budget, when the benefit is so great to all of Tinian's in-need residents and the children (and adults) who have no other way to obtain books. I'm terribly sad that the center can't be kept open while I'm gone, but I'll get it up and running again, when I get back," she promised.

That is likely to not be for at least a year, according to Maïa, because promoting, organizing, and getting funding for a major international project like the P.A.X. Center will take a lot of time and planning. In the meantime, she will continue the help she's been providing to the Tinian Health Center and to local residents by e-mail, we're told. "I'll only be gone in body," said Maïa, "not spirit. And I'll be but a mouse click or phone call away, for any who need me. My heart will never leave Tinian."

Maia can be reached by email at maia3maia@hotmail.com. ***(PR)***

Opening at LB as Lister leaves

Eric Lister, senior legislative assistant, assigned to the Senate will be leaving his employment with the Legislative Bureau to pursue a law degree.

Lister obtained his B.A., Environmental Conservation emphasis in Biology from the University of Colorado, and an MBA from the University of Hawaii.

Lister has served as legislative assistant to the Senate for the past seven years. Lister is a valued member of the Legislative Bureau, most especially to the Senate, where he performs often beyond the call of duty assisting the senate members in many ways. His dedication and diligence in serving the Senate with distinction was recognized by the Senate through Senate Resolution 14-13.

With Lister leaving the Legislative Bureau, a vacancy announcement has been issued in search for a replacement. The selected applicant will serve as a nonpartisan staff of the Legislative Bureau who will provide professional and impartial services to the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature and the Legislative Bureau.

Other duties will require performing extensive research, analysis, and writing; drafting of legislative documents including but not limited to resolutions, committee reports; attending legislative committee meetings and public hearings; and other duties as assigned.

Employment application may be accessed at www.cnmileg.gov.mp or may be picked up at the Office of the Director of the Legislative Bureau located at the Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building (CNMI Legislature), Capitol Hill, Saipan.

Completed application and police clearance may be submitted to the Office of the Director or may be mailed to the Office of the Director; Legislative Bureau; P.O. Box 500586; Saipan, MP 96950. No telephone inquiries. ***(PR)***

Business

'Speed it up, stop the spill'

ORANGE BEACH, Ala. (AP)—The Coast Guard has demanded that BP step up its efforts to contain the oil gushing into the Gulf of Mexico by the end of the weekend, telling the British oil giant that its slow pace in stopping the spill is becoming increasingly alarming as the disaster fouled the coastline in ugly new ways Saturday.

The Coast Guard sent a testy letter to BP's chief operating officer that said the company urgently needs to pick up the pace and present a better plan to contain the spill by the time President Barack Obama arrives on Monday for his fourth visit to the beleaguered coast. The letter, released Saturday, follows nearly two months of tense relations between BP and the government and reflects the growing frustration over the company's inability to stop the largest environmental disaster in U.S. history.

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LONDON (AP)—President Barack Obama reassured Prime Minister David Cameron on Saturday that his frustration over the mammoth oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is not an attack on Britain as the two leaders tried to soothe trans-Atlantic tensions over the disaster.

Cameron's Downing St. office said the two leaders held a "warm and constructive" telephone conversation for more than 30 minutes.

Obama has recently sharpened his criticism of BP PLC as the company struggles to stop millions of gallons of oil gushing from its ruptured deep-sea well. Cameron is under pressure to get Obama to tone down the rhetoric against of a major British company, fearing it will hurt millions of Britons—as well as many Americans—who hold BP stock in investments and pension plans.

Cameron's office said the prime minister "expressed his sadness at the ongoing human and environmental catastrophe," but stressed BP's economic importance to Britain, the U.S. and other countries.

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The dispute escalated on the same day that ominous new signs of the tragedy emerged on the beaches of Alabama. Waves of unsightly brown surf hit the shores in Orange Beach, leaving stinking, dark piles of oil that dried in the hot sun and extended up to 12 feet from the water's edge for as far as the eye could see.

It was the worst hit yet to Alabama beaches. Tar-like globs have washed up periodically throughout the disaster, but Saturday's pollution was significantly worse.

"This is awful," said Shelley Booker of Shreveport, La., who was staying in a condominium with her teenage daughter and her friends near the deserted beach about 100 miles from the site of the spill.

Spirit Airlines pilots strike, stranding thousands

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)—A strike by Spirit Airlines pilots has shut down the discount carrier, stranding thousands of travelers.

The walkout, which began Saturday, forced the airline to cancel its Saturday and Sunday flights. Its CEO said no talks were scheduled with picketing pilots.

Spirit carries 16,680 passengers per day—about 1 percent of the U.S. total—mostly between the eastern U.S. and the Caribbean and Latin America. But its shutdown is causing major problems for its flyers.

Spirit tickets are only good on a handful of other carriers, and only if there's space on the flight. The airline said it was refunding fares for Saturday flights plus a $100 credit toward future flights. It was trying to get its passengers booked onto other airlines.

People who needed to replace their Spirit tickets found the cost of same-day fares on other airlines was two- to three times more than their tickets.

That was out of the question for Junior Elliott, a 67-year-old mason from St. Ann's parish in Jamaica, who was stranded in Fort Lauderdale while traveling to New York for a cousin's funeral.

Obama and GOP bicker over doctors' Medicare pay

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama is asking Republican lawmakers to approve billions of dollars in new spending to avert a scheduled 21 percent cut in payments to doctors who treat Medicare patients.

If GOP senators don't allow the stalled proposal to pass, some doctors will stop treating Medicare recipients, Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday.

Obama also urged congressional leaders Saturday to approve his proposals to pump more federal money into states where thousands of teachers, firefighters and other public officials face likely layoffs. In a letter, Obama described his plans as "critical and timely ways to further the economic recovery and spur job creation."

Many GOP lawmakers, and some Democrats, have balked at further stimulus spending, fearing the deficit is getting out of hand.

The Senate's top Republican, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, said his party wants to avoid reducing physicians' Medicare fees, but do it without adding to the deficit—meaning spending cuts elsewhere.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Warren Buffett lunch price tops $2 million

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—The price of lunch with billionaire investor Warren Buffett has topped $2 million again, breaking a previous record for the most expensive charity item ever sold on eBay. The final price of $2.6 million was announced Friday night after this year's online charity auction wrapped up at 10:30 p.m. EDT. The amount is even pricier than the $2.11 million bid in 2008's Buffett lunch auction. Robert Chatwani, director of global citizenship for eBay, said it's the "largest ever single auction for charity that's been sold on eBay" in its 15-year history. "I tell you, some people really want to have lunch with Warren Buffett, huh?" Chatwani said. "It's really exciting." The lunch auction benefits the Glide Foundation, which provides social services to the poor and homeless in San Francisco. A Glide spokeswoman said Friday's winning bidder wants to remain anonymous.

Regulators shut Seattle-based bank

WASHINGTON (AP)—Regulators on Friday shut down a bank in Washington, bringing to 82 the number of U.S. bank failures this year. Seattle-based Washington First International Bank, with $520.9 million in assets and $441.4 million in deposits, was closed by the Washington Department of Financial Institutions, which appointed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. as receiver of the failed bank. East West Bank, based in Pasadena, Calif., agreed to assume the deposits and $501 million of the assets of Washington First International Bank. The rest will be retained by the FDIC for future sale. In addition, the FDIC and East West Bank agreed to share losses on $418.8 million of Washington First International's loans and other assets.

Nation

CA teen sailor healthy, weary after 3 days adrift

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP)—A California teenager who spent three days adrift on the turbulent Indian Ocean described her ordeal as "crazy" as she started a long journey home aboard a French fishing boat that rescued her Saturday from her crippled sailboat.

Abby Sunderland was bumped and bruised but otherwise healthy, her parents said after hearing from the 16-year-old in a 20-minute phone call to their home northwest of Los Angeles.

"She sounded tired, a little bit small in her voice, but she was able to make jokes and she was looking forward to getting some sleep," her mother, Marianne Sunderland, told reporters outside the family home.

Her mother, who is close to giving birth to a boy, said her daughter joked about her ordeal affecting the baby and also talked about plans for the next school year.

The young sailor continued to blog after being rescued more than 2,000 miles west of Australia two days after a wave broke the mast of her boat, Wild Eyes, satellite phone communication was lost and she set off emergency beacons.

"Crazy is the word that really describes everything that has happened best," she wrote Saturday morning from "a great big fishing boat headed I am not exactly sure where." She will spend more than a week traveling to Reunion Island, a French territory east of Madagascar.

"The long and the short of it is, well, one long wave, and one short mast," she wrote.

She dismissed criticism that she was too young to undertake an attempt to sail around the world by herself.

Search for flood victims goes from frantic to grim

LANGLEY, Ark. (AP)—The search for nearly two dozen people who disappeared after flash floods swept through a popular campground went from desperate to grim on Saturday, after teams that scoured miles of river and rugged wilderness found just two bodies.

The last time someone was found alive was late Friday morning, hours after a predawn wall of water surprised sleeping campers at the Albert Pike Recreation Area, leaving them frantically trying to scramble up the steep terrain in the dark.

As the swollen rivers subsided and the hours ticked by Saturday, anguished relatives waiting for word of loved ones grew more and more frustrated, lashing out at reporters, knowing that at some point the search mission would become one of recovery.

"They're just devastated. The time for shock has probably gone and now it's just anxiety building. They're beginning to fear the worst," said Graig Cowart, the pastor of the Pilgrim Rest Landmark Missionary Baptist Church.

At least six of the 18 people confirmed killed were young children, according to a list released by Gov. Mike Beebe's office publicly identifying 15 of them. Among them were five people, including three children, from Gloster, La., as well as three others from that state and six from Texas. State police said Saturday evening that there were 22 people missing.

ACROSS THE NATION

Authorities raid Sizzler restaurants in Phoenix

PHOENIX (AP)—Sheriff's deputies raided two Sizzler steak house restaurants in Phoenix on Saturday, arresting nine employees who are suspected of being illegal immigrants and using fraudulent documents to get jobs. The raids were part of a yearlong investigation into whether the operators of the two Sizzler locations broke a civil law by knowingly hiring illegal immigrants, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Lt. Brian Lee said in a statement. Deputies were looking for 23 suspects wanted for identity theft, Lee said. Authorities believe one of the suspects was deported three times and has been hired back by Sizzler each time he returned. The sheriff's office received a tip from a former Sizzler manager who claimed he had been fired for his refusal to hire employees without the proper documents, Lee said. "This is another example of a case where desperately needed jobs are being occupied by illegal aliens who have disregarded our laws and our borders," Sheriff Joe Arpaio said in the statement. Arpaio, known for pushing the bounds for how local law enforcement agencies can confront illegal immigration, frequently raids workplaces in the greater Phoenix area for people in the U.S. illegally.

In bold move, Colorado alters teacher tenure rules

DENVER (AP)—Colorado is changing the rules for how teachers earn and keep the sweeping job protections known as tenure, linking student performance to job security despite outcry from teacher unions that have steadfastly defended the system for decades. Many education reform advocates consider tenure to be one of the biggest obstacles to improving America's schools because it makes removing mediocre or even incompetent teachers difficult. Colorado's legislature changed tenure rules despite opposition from the state's largest teacher's union, a longtime ally of majority Democrats. Gov. Bill Ritter, also a Democrat, signed the bill into law last month. It requires teachers to be evaluated annually, with at least half of their rating based on whether their students progressed during the school year. Beginning teachers will have to show they've boosted student achievement for three straight years to earn tenure.

Asia

Outgoing RP leader says she succeeded

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Outgoing Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo deflected allegations of corruption and mismanagement during her 9-year rule, saying Saturday that she will leave behind an economically robust and politically stable country.

In one of her last major speeches before stepping down June 30, Arroyo spoke to diplomats and government officials at a reception marking the country's 112th Independence Day.

She said she did not seek the highest office even though she was vice president in 2001 when then-President Joseph Estrada was forced to step down amid massive anti-corruption protests. Estrada has accused Arroyo of plotting with the military to remove him from power long before the accusations against him surfaced.

"It was thrust upon me. Rather than shirk from the onerous task, I rolled up my sleeves, determined to turn the Philippines around," Arroyo said.

Although consistently ranked in opinion polls as the most unpopular leader since dictator Ferdinand Marcos was toppled in 1986, Arroyo said she had reversed the country's economic decline by raising revenues, investment in infrastructure and posting 37 quarters of growth before organizing last month's first nationwide automated elections.

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Outgoing President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo waves to the crowd after the celebration of the 112th anniversary of Philippine Independence Day, Saturday, June 12, 2010 at the Quirino grandstand in Manila.

One of Arroyo's sharpest critics and her former student of economics, Sen. Benigno Aquino III—the son of the two of the country's democracy icons—has been proclaimed winner of the May 10 elections after promising to eradicate corruption and form a commission to investigate Arroyo.

"We will leave a legacy of hard work, a strong and stable economy and renewed global engagement, major investments in health care, education and physical infrastructure," Arroyo said.

"I know much work remains to be done, but I am determined to turn over to a new government a new Philippines, one that is ready for the challenges of bringing the nation to the verge of first world in 20 years."

NKorea vows to blow up South propaganda facilities

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea vowed Saturday to launch an all-out attack against South Korean loudspeakers and other propaganda facilities along their heavily fortified border, warning it could even turn Seoul into a "sea of flame."

The rival Koreas ended decades of propaganda campaigns in 2004 as their relations warmed. However, South Korea resumed radio broadcasts to North Korea last month and installed a dozen propaganda loudspeakers along the border to punish the North for allegedly sinking a South Korean warship.

South Korean Defense Minister Kim Tae-young told a parliamentary hearing Friday that loudspeaker broadcasts would begin after the U.N. Security Council decides on any new measures against the North, Yonhap news agency reported.

South Korea has asked the U.N. Security Council to punish the North for what Seoul says was a North Korean torpedo attack on the 1,200-ton Cheonan warship that killed 46 sailors.

A multinational investigation led by South Korea concluded last month that North Korea was responsible. The North has denied responsibility and threatened to respond to South Korean retaliatory measures with war.

ASIAN BRIEFS

UN reviewing Taliban, al-Qaida sanctions list

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Fueling momentum for a political solution to the nearly nine-year-old Afghan war, a U.N. committee is reviewing whether certain people could be removed from blacklist that freezes assets and limits travel of key Taliban and al-Qaida figures, the top U.N. representative said Saturday. Delegates to a national conference, or peace jirga, held this month in Kabul called on the government and its international partners to remove some of the 137 people from the list—a long-standing demand of the Taliban. "De-listing was one of the clear messages coming from the peace jirga," Staffan de Mistura, the top U.N. representative in Afghanistan, told reporters. "The U.N. is listening to what the peace jirga is saying. Some of the people in the list may not be alive anymore. The list may be completely outdated."

1.3 million flee as China flooding kills 155

BEIJING (AP)—Unusually heavy seasonal flooding in China has killed at least 155 people and forced more than 1 million to flee as water levels in some areas reached at their highest in more than a decade, the government reported Saturday. Direct economic losses total 24 billion yuan ($6.5 billion), with large swaths of the country's southeast hit especially hard, according to the Office of State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters. Virtually all of the country's major rivers were swollen, while water levels in lakes along the mighty Yangtze River were higher than in 1998, when catastrophic flooding killed about 4,000 people. The office said 140,000 houses had collapsed and more than 1.3 million people had been moved to temporary shelter. Overall losses were about four times what they were last year, it said. Heavy rain has been falling since April, with 13 torrential storms on record already this season.

Strong earthquake shakes northern Japan

TOKYO (AP)—A strong earthquake rattled northern Japan on Sunday, and authorities said no tsunami was expected in the area. There were no immediate reports of serious damage or injuries. The Japan Meteorological Agency said the afternoon quake had a preliminary magnitude of 6.2. The earthquake occurred off the coast of the eastern Hama-dori region of Fukushima prefecture, which is located about 150 miles (240 kilometers) north of Tokyo. Tremors were felt in Tokyo and in neighboring prefectures, including Miyagi, Yamagata, Tochigi and Ibaraki. The agency did not issue a tsunami alert. The Tokyo Electric Power Co. said its two nuclear power plants in the prefecture were operating normally.

World

Ethnic riots sweep Kyrgyzstan, govt begs for help

OSH, Kyrgyzstan (AP)—Ethnic riots wracked southern Kyrgyzstan on Saturday, forcing thousands of Uzbeks to flee as their homes were torched by roving mobs of Kyrgyz men. The interim government begged Russia for troops to stop the violence, but the Kremlin offered only humanitarian assistance.

At least 77 people were reported killed and more than 1,000 wounded in the violence spreading across the impoverished Central Asian nation that hosts U.S. and Russian air bases.

Much of its second-largest city, Osh, was on fire Saturday and the sky overhead was black with smoke. Roving mobs of young Kyrgyz men armed with firearms and metal bars marched on minority Uzbek neighborhoods and set homes on fire, forcing thousands of Uzbeks to flee. Stores were looted and the city was running out of food.

Kyrgyzstan's third straight day of rioting also engulfed another major southern city, Jalal-Abad, where a rampaging mob burned a university, besieged a police station and seized an armored vehicle and other weapons from a local military unit.

"It's a real war," said local political leader Omurbek Suvanaliyev. "Everything is burning, and bodies are lying on the streets."

Those driven from their homes rushed toward the border with Uzbekistan, and an Associated Press reporter there saw the bodies of children trampled to death in the panicky stampede. Crowds of frightened women and children made flimsy bridges out of planks and ladders to cross the ditches marking the border.

Interim President Roza Otunbayeva acknowledged that her government has lost control over Osh, a city of 250,000, even though it sent troops, armor and helicopters to quell the riots. Violence spread to the nearby city of Jalal-Abad later Saturday.

"The situation in the Osh region has spun out of control," Otunbayeva told reporters. "Attempts to establish a dialogue have failed, and fighting and rampages are continuing. We need outside forces to quell confrontation."

Otunbayeva asked Russia early Saturday to send in troops, but the Kremlin said it would not meddle into what it described as Kyrgyzstan's internal conflict.

Pope on European crisis: save human 'capital'

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Benedict XVI told European banking and development officials Saturday to keep families' needs paramount as they devise solutions to the continent's financial crises.

Economy and finance "are no more than tools, means" to safeguard human "capital, the only capital worth saving," Benedict said.

Benedict told representatives of the European Council's Development Bank during a Vatican audience that their task was to make the "human person, and even more particularly, families and those in great need, the center and the aim" of economic policies.

He urged experts to draw on what he called Europe's tradition of "generous fraternity" in coming up with rescue plans.

Benedict named no country, but efforts to help bail out Greece from its financial disaster exposed tensions in Europe over how much countries should help a fellow European Union nation.

Many European nations are grappling with dwindling revenues and budget shortfalls amid the euro's plunge against the dollar and other currencies, a stubborn recession and chronic unemployment. Generous social welfare plans like early pensions and heavily subsidized health care are at risk as their costs are being scrutinized.

WORLD BRIEFS

Anniversary of disputed Iran vote passes quietly

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—The one-year anniversary of Iran's disputed election passed quietly Saturday with little more than a subdued Internet appeal by opposition leaders for supporters to speak out on the Web against government repression. Fearing bloodshed and calculating that it would gain them nothing, the movement's leaders called off a day of mass protests, reflecting their increasing powerlessness against the government's military muscle. Witnesses and the opposition reported a few isolated confrontations in the capital. "We have to expand social networks, websites, these are our best means," said Mir Hossein Mousavi, a former prime minister who maintains he was robbed of the presidency through fraud in the June 12, 2009, election. "These work like an army. This is our army against their military force," he said on his website, Kaleme.com.

Iraq election rivals meet in political ice breaker

BAGHDAD (AP)—The leaders of two rival political alliances battling to run Iraq's new government took a step toward ending their power dispute Saturday, as the Sunni-backed coalition that won March elections now faces being sidelined in parliament. The 90-minute meeting between Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and former Premier Ayad Allawi was their first since the March 7 vote, and was described by aides as more of an icebreaker than the start of serious negotiations. The secular but Sunni-dominated Iraqiya coalition that Allawi heads risks losing a grasp on its narrow electoral triumph due to infighting and outmaneuvering by al-Maliki and his fellow Shiite rivals. As the new legislature convenes Monday, that prospect is serving as a lesson in Iraq's nascent democracy, where rules can bend. It also, more ominously, raises the possibility of a revitalized insurgency if Sunnis conclude that they have no place in government as U.S. troops pull out of Iraq.

Alleged Mossad spy arrested in hit-squad case

BERLIN (AP)—An alleged Mossad spy from Israel wanted in connection with the hit-squad slaying of a Hamas agent in Dubai has been arrested in Poland, officials said Saturday. The man, using the name Uri Brodsky, is suspected of working for Mossad in Germany and helping to issue a fake German passport to a member of the Mossad operation that allegedly killed Hamas agent Mahmoud al-Mabhouh in Dubai in January, a spokesman for the German federal prosecutor's office told The Associated Press. Brodsky was arrested in early June upon his arrival in Poland because of a European arrest warrant issued by Germany which is now seeking his extradition, the spokesman said, declining to be named in line with department policy. The spokesman had no estimate of how long it could take for Brodsky to be extradited from Poland to Germany, saying "the matter is now in the hands of the Polish authorities." If Brodsky agrees, the extradition could take a few days, but that isn't likely, the spokesman said.

Health & Fitness

Short people at higher risk of heart problems

By MARIA CHENG
AP MEDICAL WRITER

LONDON (AP)—Short people have a 50 percent higher risk of having a heart problem or dying from one than tall people, a new study says, though weight, blood pressure and smoking habits remain more important factors.

Previous studies have suggested a link between height and heart problems like angina, heart attacks and angioplasties. This is the first major review of such studies, including research from around the world, confirming the relationship.

Researchers in Finland looked at 52 previous papers with data on height and heart problems in more than 3 million men and women.

Experts did not consider patients' heights objectively, but within the context of a particular country's population. They found the shortest people in the population were one and a half times more likely to have heart problems or die from them than the tallest people.

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On average, short people were under 161 centimeters (5 feet 3 inches) and tall people were at least 174 centimeters (5 feet 9 inches).

The study was paid for by the Finnish Foundation for Cardiovascular Research and others. It was published online Wednesday in the European Heart Journal.

"We don't want to scare short people, but perhaps they should be extra cautious about their lifestyle," said Borge Nordestgaard, a professor of genetic epidemiology at the University of Copenhagen. He was not connected to the study.

Height's impact on heart disease was still less important than things like smoking, which increases the chance of a heart ailment by up to four times, he said.

Scientists aren't sure why short people might be more susceptible to heart problems, but think there could be several explanations. Being short might be a result of being poor, meaning people of small stature could be undernourished and vulnerable to health problems in general.

Experts also suggested there could be a biological explanation, such as a hormone imbalance that hurts the heart. Scientists also suspect that because short people have smaller arteries, those could theoretically get clogged quicker with cholesterol and be more easily damaged by any changes in blood pressure.

But Joep Perk, a professor of health sciences at Linnaeus University in Sweden and a spokesman for the European Society of Cardiology, said it was too early to conclude short people had potentially problematic hearts.

"We should be very cautious to tell short people they're at risk," he said. "This could unfairly stigmatize them."

He said it was premature for cardiologists to consider height as a risk factor. "We need to understand the mechanism behind it before we can do anything with this information," he said. "This is an interesting observation, but I want to know what I can do for my patients."

Sebelius stumps for anti-childhood obesity plan

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—The Obama administration is calling on mayors to help in the fight against childhood obesity because the effort won't work if communities don't engage in it, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius told a conference Friday.

Sebelius touted first lady Michelle Obama's "Let's Move" campaign against childhood obesity at the annual U.S. Conference of Mayors. Sebelius encouraged about 400 mayors and members of their staffs to have their cities join a new part of the campaign, dubbed "Let's Move Cities and Towns."

"I know well how critical it is that you are mobilized and energized, because you are the leadership teams that can actually make things happen," she said. "We now have, I think, a real opportunity with the spotlight of the first lady on this problem."

Obama addressed the conference by video, saying mayors "know how to develop effective solutions" and can "spur action at the grassroots unlike anyone else."

Sebelius said local leaders can help by building parks, supporting farmers markets and bringing healthier foods into schools.

Obama's program, launched in February 2009, is aimed at solving the childhood obesity problem in a generation, so children born today can reach adulthood at a healthy weight. It has four components: helping parents make better food choices, serving healthier food in school vending machines and lunch lines, making healthy food more available and affordable, and encouraging children to exercise more.

Sebelius said one in three American children are overweight or obese. She said that number had quadrupled during the past 20 years.

At the conference, Sebelius was joined by Olympic gymnast Dominique Dawes, who said keeping children active and on a healthy diet is critical to fighting obesity.

"This is near and dear to my heart," said Dawes, a member of the "Magnificent Seven" in 1996, the first U.S. women's team to win an Olympic gold medal in gymnastics. "Physical fitness and proper nutrition have really been a part of the core of my childhood."

Sebelius praised citywide weight-loss efforts led by Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett. As of Friday afternoon, the mayor's campaign, thiscityisgoingonadiet.com, included 42,113 participants who had lost a cumulative 576,437 pounds, an average of about 13.7 pounds per person.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT

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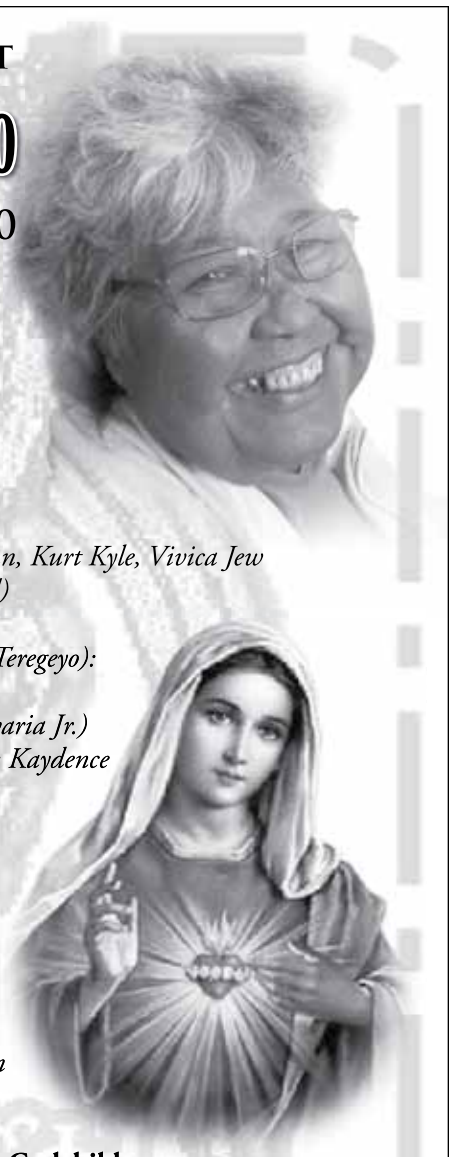

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Mother: *Agatha "Leighamal" Itibus Kapileo*
Brothers: *Pedro (M-BOAT) Kapileo*
Saturnino (LINGKO) Kapileo

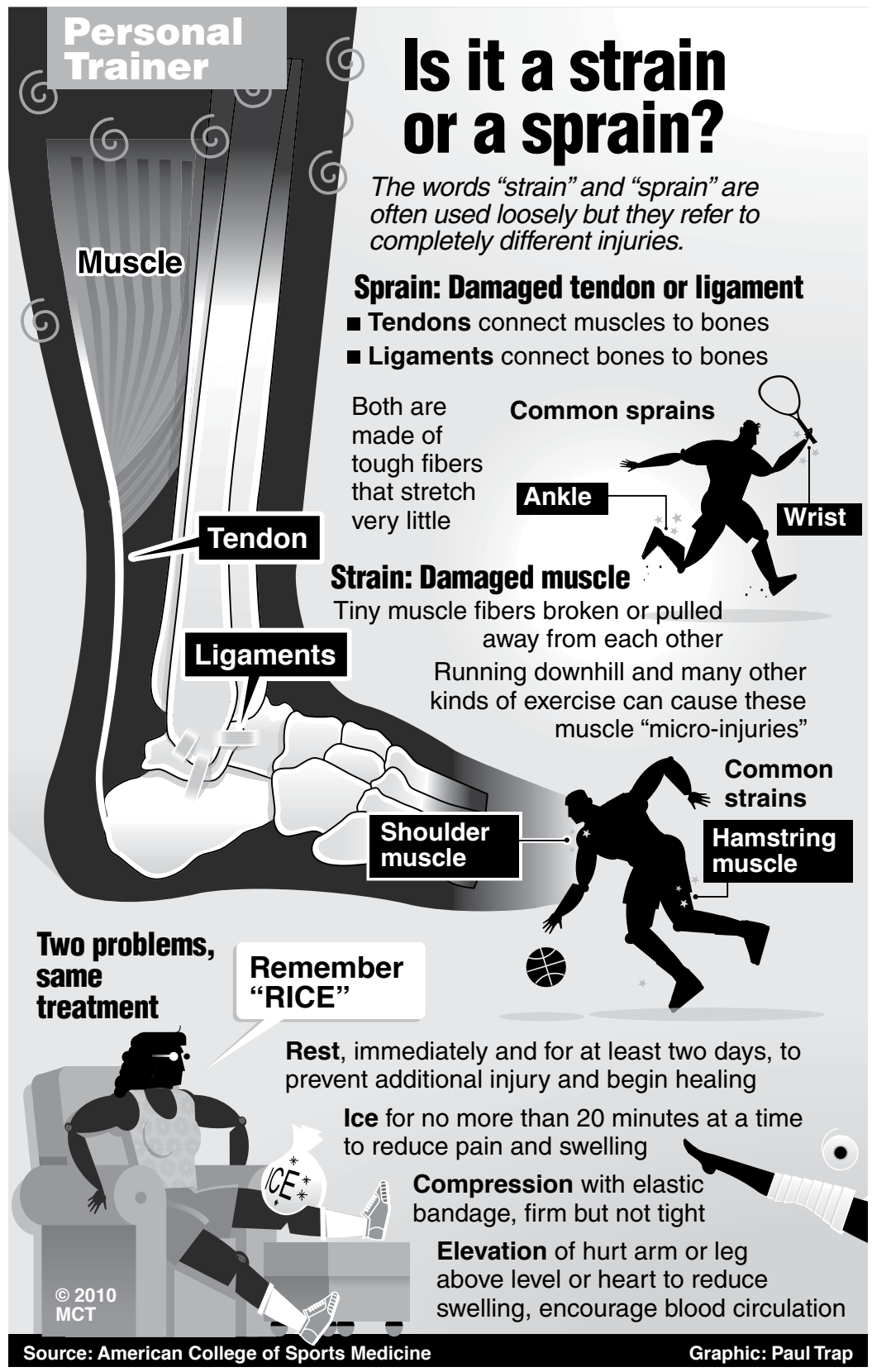
Survived by Children & Grandchildren:
Bonifacio Jesus Kapileo
Oscar Anthony Kapileo:Rachel, Sara Lynn, Kurt Kyle, Vivica Jew
Carlos K. Ketebengang (Terry Ann Fitial)
Ulysess K. Ketebengang
Laurie Ann K. Ketebengang (John West Teregeyo):
Agatha Thomasa, JoAnn, Tori, Zoe
Dolores K. Ketebengang (Domingo Salavaria Jr.)
Agatha K. Ketebengang (Frankie Limes): Kaydence

Brothers & In-laws:
Catalina I. Kapileo & children
Ines I. Kapileo & children
Simon & Tina P. Kapileo & children
Ramon & Josepha Kapileo & children

Sisters & In-laws;
Concepcion & Edward Atalig & children
Carmen F. Rebuenog

And survived by numerous nieces, nephews & Godchildren.

Her remains will be escorted from the CHC Chapel to her residence in Tuturam, San Vicente at 7:30am, Wednesday, June 16th. Responso Service will be held at 2:30pm followed by Mass of Christian burial at the Cathedral at 3:00pm. Nightly rosary is being said at 7:30pm at their residence in Tuturam.


Personal Trainer
Is it a strain or a sprain?
The words "strain" and "sprain" are often used loosely but they refer to completely different injuries.
Muscle
Sprain: Damaged tendon or ligament
Tendons connect muscles to bones
Ligaments connect bones to bones
Both are made of tough fibers that stretch very little
Common sprains
Ankle
Wrist
Tendon
Strain: Damaged muscle
Tiny muscle fibers broken or pulled away from each other
Running downhill and many other kinds of exercise can cause these muscle "micro-injuries"
Ligaments
Common strains
Shoulder muscle
Hamstring muscle
Two problems, same treatment
Remember "RICE"
Rest, immediately and for at least two days, to prevent additional injury and begin healing
Ice for no more than 20 minutes at a time to reduce pain and swelling
ICE
Compression with elastic bandage, firm but not tight
Elevation of hurt arm or leg above level or heart to reduce swelling, encourage blood circulation
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Source: American College of Sports Medicine
Graphic: Paul Trap

Life & Style

Young members of Uncle Ben's Dream Academy Stars hold a Philippine flag as they wait for their turn to perform during yesterday's "Pistang Pinoy 2010," in celebration of the Philippine Independence Day, at the Civic Center in Susupe.
HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

BIKE TRAILS 2: *Lupang Hinirang*

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

We commend the Philippine Consulate for adjusting its rites to the requirements of its constituency. Saturday, June 12, observed the 112th year anniversary of Philippine independence, but Saturday is the busiest workday of the week for many Filipinos in the CNMI. The *Pistang Pinoy* fest put together by the United Filipino Organization for the community also required the services of many volunteers and Saturdays just do not lend itself to working class schedule.

Having just reacquired my Pinoy citizenship and joining the lower income bracket of the working class, to boot, (monastic mindset and mendicant lifestyle) I attended the flag raising ceremony at the Marianas Business Plaza, formerly the Nauru Building, in Susupe on my luxurious only mode of transport these days, my Schwinn bike.

I expected a motley crew, primarily government functionaries and foreign service personnel while the *masa* would show up later in the morning at the *2010 Pistang Pinoy,* with children, roommates, and BBQ grills in tow. I hang out with the folks of the PCG's historic and picturesque PCG location in Honolulu in the late '90s, and I pretty much have a good picture of how these diplomatic functions ran.

True to form, Consul General Medardo Macaraig and his family, and the PCG staff were all decked out in *Barongs* enough to support a village cottage industry (one of his daughters had a *Maguindanao* attire, a great and proper gesture and I had my first viewing of a *barong chinoy*), as they welcomed everyone to the occasion meant to be "simple, austere but meaningful." The building's ground floor foyer was converted into an auditorium with a stage and a podium where messages from Pea Eye officials were read.

Before the flag raising, an instantaneous act of *Bayanihan* ensued when it became obvious that the tent put up in front of the flagpole to provide shade for participants was not aesthetically pleasing, was in fact obstructive, and given the hour of the morning with its *vitamina D del sol*, it was unnecessary. So OWWA's Rey Tayag called a few to each lift a post on cement footing and carry it together a few paces leftward on the patio. In 30 seconds, an identified need ushered a completed deed, *Pinoy*-way. What a better way to signal our awareness of real independence than to demonstrate that interdependent action has efficacious results!

The speeches were perfunctory though emcee Dyan Miranda's description of Olive Yana as "small but terrible," in an approving way, was not altogether off target. Olive's welcome was very welcoming. Emcee Romeo Garchitorena obviously missed his real calling in the entertainment industry; he's funny. The sultry voices of the Villarasa sisters were a hit; and 9-year old Ericka Tubera's forceful angelic voice made everyone's day. The CG's closing remarks showed a diplomat who would be at home both in the *Batasang Pambansa* and the General Assembly of the UN.

Outgoing Malacañang resident GMA caught my attention when she characterized the day in Kawit 112 years before as the beginning of the journey of Philippine democracy. Of course, Emilio Aguinaldo's first act was to declare a dictatorial government over the objections of plebian Apolinario Mabini, consequently, resulting in the formation of a revolutionary council, and later, the election of Aguinaldo as president in the Malolos Congress (BTW, two seats for Palau were reserved in that body, and Guam was referred to by some sector as *Nueva Filipinas)*. This is not to correct President Arroyo, only to delineate the fact that democratic journeys have rocky beginnings, and remains a work in progress, with old-timers like the Pea Eye still bogged down in the feudalistic culture of the Medieval era, of pomp and circumstance over authentic content and real substance.

The *coup d'grace* for the morning was definitely substantial. Fiesta Resort's chef Hermie Coronejo lent his expertise and prepared with members of the OWWA classes (culinary, baking, and décor) a meaningful but hardly simple and austere breakfast table, of traditional viands and global cuisine. The retinue of guests that included Japan Consul Tsutomi Higuchi, Pam Brown, Barry Hirshbein, Carmen Gaskins, Joe Ayuyu, Rabby Syed, Eli Arago, I am sure, had nothing but compliments to the volunteers' efforts.

It is the issue of nationhood that occupied my pedaling back to San Antonio through Texas Rd. (hardly any traffic before 7am, but after the ceremony and breakfast at 9am, SUVs were driving like they were in the Sahara run from Algiers to Timbuktu). OK, I also had to deal with the untethered dogs that wanted to make breakfast out of my heels, but the political unit called a "nation" like the Philippines, officially acting in today's ceremony, occupied my mind. (BTW, for a declared NMI-Philippine Friendship Month, CNMI officials must have been partying all night Saturday for their presence was scant in Sunday's flag-raising.)

Nations are a recent political invention, a result of the decline of empires that created states out of crumbling parts, or from its no-longer-viable colonies, and the notion of social contract triggered by the Magna Carta and flowering with Rousseau, Voltaire, and Montesquieu in Europe, and Jefferson in America. In the democratic space of our time, one is not born to a nation, nor joins a nation, rather, one participates in the creation of a nation. Citizenship is no longer just obedience, it is responseability, i.e., participation.

That is why the trappings of pomp and circumstance do not bode well when it remains within the confines of the refinement of the *Vin d'honor* and eskews the raw, wild, and emphatic beat of *Pistang Pinoy.* It is no longer enough that OFWs remit earnings to their *Lupang Hinirang* (Beloved Land, or Chosen Land), it is also time that they inject themselves into the political uncertainties of the country where they came from, but also assert their selfhood in the new countries where they now belong. And here lies the challenge for CNMI's Uncle Ben, and RP's CG Macaraig: charity only provides crumbs from the table, (workers do not require abstraction of honor and respect); justice requires a place around the table (treat people as people of equal footing). There is a lot of charity and goodwill floating around (Cory had tons, Noynoy also), the undercurrent at *Pistang Pinoy* is J-U-S-T-I-C-E. Governments who heed that yearning shall serve well, indeed.

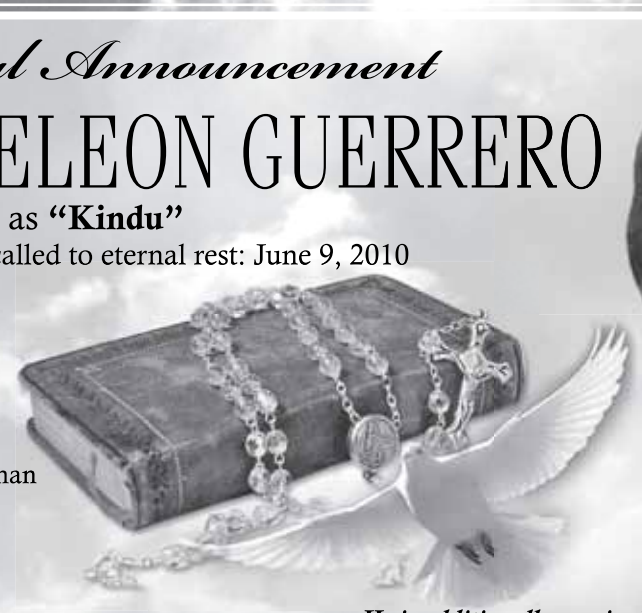
Ah, the thoughts from biking. It is going to be a long summer!

Death and Funeral Announcement

JOAQUIN SABLAN DELEON GUERRERO

Lovingly known as **"Kindu"**

Born to life: April 24th, 1956 • Was called to eternal rest: June 9, 2010



In his new life, he now joins his:

Father: Bernardo Charfauros Deleon Guerrero
Mother: Teresa Torres Sablan Deleon Guerrero
Sister: Dolores Sablan Deleon Guerrero
Father In-Law: Gregorio I. Castro
Brother In-Law: Mariano C. Borja & William S. Pangelinan
Nephew: Mario Dlg. Borja

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Spouse: Elizabeth Castro Deleon Guerrero
Children: Laurie Ann *(Timothy Jack & Trevor)*
Antonette/Roland B. Ayuyu
Roland/Nancy Manglona *(Lori Mae, Roland Jr., Joaquin Lucas & Dean)*
Jocelyn/Jonathan Park *(Princess Jonaelyn)*
Jack Jr/Chantel Taitano
Mother In-Law: Susana T. Castro
Brothers and Sisters:
Antonio S./Rita C. Guerrero, Carmen Dlg./Richard Pablo, Bernard S./ Evelyn G. Guerrero, Ana Dlg./Vicente C. Duenas, Rosa Dlg Borja/Prisco Manglona, Juan S./Sue Deleon Guerrero, Bernadita Dlg./Anthony M. Calvo, Francisco S. Deleon Guerrero, and Benny S. Deleon Guerrero
Sisters & Brothers In-Laws:
Cynthia C./ Antonio P. Mafnas, Gregory F./Gloria S. Castro, Diana C. Pangelinan, Bertilia C./Robert Dunn, Patricia C./Francisco Magofna, Evelyn C./William Fleming, John C./Victoria Mafnas, and Vincent T./Hilma P. Castro

He is additionally survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins, and special friends.

Nightly Mass is being offered at San Vicente Church at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Holy Rosary. On Thursday June 17, 2010, his remains will be escorted from the Commonwealth Health Center at 7:30 a.m. to the Mt. Carmel Cathedral for final viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed immediately by interment service at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your presence and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Elizabeth, Children, and Family

Jay-Z, Stevie Wonder lead Bonnaroo on day 2

AP

Music fans cool off in a fountain at the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival on Friday, June 11, 2010 in Manchester, Tenn.

MANCHESTER, Tenn. (AP)—A slightly groggy, sun-drenched Bonnaroo crowd was readying itself for the music festival's big day-two acts: Jay-Z and Stevie Wonder.

Both were to take Bonnaroo's main stage Saturday evening in succession, with headliner Jay-Z following Wonder. The day's acts also included Weezer, Jack White's the Dead Weather, Norah Jones and a middle-of-the-night set by the jam band Disco Biscuits.

Excessive heat in the high 90s has been a constant at this year's ninth annual Bonnaroo. Reprieve came late in the afternoon when a passing shower cooled things off. The rain arrived as Jack White's the Dead Weather were performing on the main stage, and White told the crowd to remember who was playing when the rain came.

Conan O'Brien introduced the Dead Weather, with whom he has a close connection. He and White are friends, and on Thursday in Nashville, O'Brien performed a set of rockabilly at White's Nashville label, Third Man Records.

"Don't think of it as rain," O'Brien told the crowd. "Think of it as us having a shower together."

O'Brien has been emceeing the Bonnaroo main stage and twice performed his "Legally Prohibited from Being Funny on Television" comedy show. After crisscrossing the country, O'Brien—whose voice was hoarse Saturday—is nearing the finish of his tour, which ends Monday in Atlanta.

World Cup fever also came to Bonnaroo, where the U.S.-England match, which finished with a 1-1 draw, was broadcast on a big screen.

No one was a bigger soccer fan than Rivers Cuomo, the lead singer of Weezer. On Friday, the band released a Cup anthem for the U.S. team, "Represent," available for free on iTunes.

Before taking the stage, Cuomo could be seen backstage juggling a soccer ball. Wearing a U.S. jersey, he was clearly in a good mood, bouncing around the stage and climbing scaffolding. The band began with "Hash Pipe," as Cuomo sang, fittingly, "Come on and kick me."

The band was also joined by YouTube sensation Julia Nunes on ukulele. Said Cuomo: "This is all made possible by Twitter."

Catherine Zeta-Jones honored by Queen Elizabeth II

LONDON (AP)—From Wales to Hollywood to "Chicago"—now Catherine Zeta-Jones has an appointment at Buckingham Palace.

Zeta-Jones added a royal honor to Hollywood stardom when she was named a Commander of the Order of the British Empire Saturday by Queen Elizabeth II.

The Academy Award winner is part of an eclectic list of honorees, announced to mark the queen's official birthday, that includes the founder of the Jimmy Choo footwear label and 1960s rocker Graham Nash.

Swansea, Wales-born Zeta-Jones, 40, began her career in British theater and television before moving to Hollywood and marrying actor Michael Douglas. The actress, who won a best supporting actress Oscar in 2003 for the musical "Chicago," can now put the letters CBE after her name.

"I am absolutely thrilled with this honor," Zeta-Jones said in a statement. "As a British subject, I feel incredibly proud. At the same time, it is overwhelming and humbling. And my mum and dad are delighted beyond belief."

Ronald Harwood, 75, a screenwriter whose films include "The Dresser" and the Oscar-winning "The Pianist," becomes Sir Ronald with the award of a knighthood.

Zeta-Jones

"It's more exciting than the Oscar because of the secrecy that's involved," said Harwood, who learned of his honor six weeks ago but was not allowed to tell anyone. "The Oscar is a sudden shock, you take it all in and people make a fuss. But this feels like a very big event."

U.S.-British scientist Charles K. Kao, who shared the 2009 Nobel Prize for physics for his work on fiber optics, also received a knighthood.

Actress Sophie Okenedo, 41, Oscar nominated for "Hotel Rwanda," was named an Officer of the Order of the British Empire, or OBE.

Tamara Mellon, co-founder and creative director of designer shoe brand Jimmy Choo, also was awarded an OBE.

Mellon, 42, who is divorced from American banking heir Matthew Mellon, enlisted east London cobbler Jimmy Choo to design a range of high-fashion shoes. The brand, launched in 1996, was embraced by models, celebrities and the fashion-conscious characters on "Sex and the City." In 2007 Mellon sold her stake to a private equity firm, in a deal which valued the company at 185 million pounds, but remained creative director.

The list also sees a couple of musical rebels join the establishment. John Cale, 68, one of the founders of experimental 60s rock group The Velvet Underground, was named an OBE, as was musician Nash, 68, co-founder of Crosby, Stills and Nash.

Nash said he was "humbled" by the accolade.

"I have been a writer for most of my life but I could never have written this script," he said.

In literary and artistic honors, Guyana-born novelist Wilson Harris, 89, was awarded a knighthood, and Portugal-born artist Paula Rego, 75, was made a dame, the female equivalent of a knight.

Annie comic ends, but the redhead's fate uncertain

CHICAGO (AP)—Talk about a hard-knocks life: She has been jailed in North Korea, kidnapped repeatedly, accused of murder, trapped in a cave, roughed up by gangsters. And she's just a kid—more precisely, a red-haired girl named Annie.

Over 86 years, the spunky (and forever young) orphan has endured hundreds of curly hair-raising adventures, not to mention homelessness, poverty and other Dickensian hardships. She's even survived the death of the man whose pen and imagination turned her into a comic-strip heroine.

Annie, the character, may be indomitable. But Annie, the comic strip, is not.

Facing a shifting media landscape—the closing or shrinking of newspapers, a dwindling audience for comic adventures and an explosion of new forms of entertainment—Tribune Media Services has determined there will be no more newspaper tomorrows for Annie.

After Sunday's strip, Annie, her father figure and frequent rescuer, Daddy Warbucks, and her beloved pooch, Sandy, will disappear from the funny pages. They will have a future, but for now, where that will be is unknown.

Little Orphan Annie
DOTS IN MY EYES? WHY? I DON'T MISS MUCH! SO I GOT TWO HOLES IN MY HEAD, EH? PLENTY PEOPLE GOT HOLES IN THEIR HEADS AND NEVER KNOW IT-- YOU WORRY 'BOUT YOU, MAC.! I'M DOIN' O.K.!
HAROLD GRAY

AP

This undated image provided May 26, 2010 by Tribune Media Services Inc., shows the character Annie from the "Annie" comic strip as drawn by the strip's creator and cartoonist Harold Gray.

"Annie is not dying, she's moving into new channels," says Steve Tippie, vice president of licensing and new markets development at Tribune Media, which owns the license to the character. Annie, he says, has "huge awareness" and possibilities include graphic novels, film, TV, games—maybe even a home on a mobile phone.

No matter where she lands, it's clear there's still gold in that red mop of hair and those white, pupil-less orbs. Tribune Media continues to collect revenues from various productions of "Annie," the sunny musical that charmed Broadway more than 30 years ago—and is expected to return to the Great White Way in 2012.

"Annie is one of those iconic characters in American culture," Tippie says. "If you stop 10 people on the street, nine of them will drop down on one knee and start singing 'Tomorrow.'"

It was, in fact, the popularity of the musical that gave the strip a second life. Tribune Media revived the comic after the death of its creator, Harold Gray, who had used Annie as a megaphone for his conservative political views.

From its opposition to the New Deal in the '30s to its hard-line in the war on terror, the comic strip has never shied away from its beliefs.

"I always like to think of Annie as the Fox News Channel of the funny papers," says Jay Maeder, Annie's most recent writer. "It was a very political strip."

But even with timely story lines, public interest in newspaper comic adventures faded decades ago. Fewer than 20 newspapers ran the strip at the end—which, by the way, leaves Annie's fate hanging as she remains in the clutches of a war criminal, the Butcher of the Balkans.

Still, Annie had one amazing run. And one of her creators thinks he knows why.

"The appeal of Annie is simply that she doesn't give up," says Ted Slampyak, the strip's artist for the last six years. "She always ends up in one scrape after another. She doesn't have a lot of resources but she has a lot of spirit, a lot of pluck. She's got a lot of fight in her."

"It always was good to open a newspaper and see a little girl who should be helpless but is out there, tough as nails, out to win the day," he adds. "Everyone finds that inspiring."

Being a girl—and one who'd occasionally deck an enemy with a mean left hook—also gave her a special cachet.

"She's sort of a female Huck Finn," says M. Thomas Inge, author of "Comics as Culture" and professor of humanities at Randolph-Macon College in Virginia. "The fact that she was surviving on her own made her attractive."

Annie was created by Gray, a farm boy from Kankakee, Ill., whose love of Dickens novels was reflected in his character's triumphs over greedy bankers and phony reformers with colorful names such as Phineas P. Pinchpenny and Mrs. Bleating Hart.

The comic strip debuted in 1924 when Americans still were watching silent movies, Prohibition was a reality and a home entertainment center meant a radio the size of an end table. Annie expanded to the airwaves during the '30s when families, looking for a respite from the Depression, tuned in to follow the exploits of a feisty girl who took guff from no one.

Annie quickly moved beyond newsprint and radio, blossoming into a multimedia star: Comic books, movies, a doll and board game in her name, celebrity endorser (Ovaltine, anyone?) with her own decoder ring, and later, her own U.S. postage stamp.

But her home base was the funnies.

Annie was one of the first comics to use long-running narratives, unlike the episodic single gags that dominated the funny pages at the time, says Jeet Heer, who has written introductions to five volumes of Annie comic collections and is planning a biography of Gray.

Travolta donates to Nelson Mandela Children's Fund

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—John Travolta and wife Kelly Preston donated 70,000 rand (about $10,000) to the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund on Saturday, during their visit to South Africa, and spent some time singing and dancing with children the foundation has supported.

The children treated the "Hairspray" star, Preston and their daughter Ella to a drum concert and serenaded them with a poem titled, "Eyes in the sky, foot on the ground." Travolta later did a few dance steps with the children.

Casually dressed in a black jacket and a white T-shirt, Travolta talked about the importance of family life.

"Children keep you humble," he said. "Children keep you grounded."

South Africa's first black president set up the fund to provide a variety of services for children, including support for street children and the children of refugees. Its plans include a children's hospital to be built in Johannesburg.

In a recorded message played at Saturday's event, Mandela urged people to protect society's "most valued asset, its children." Travolta on Saturday urged other stars to use their status to contribute to Mandela's legacy.

Travolta, a spokesman for the Australian airline Qantas, will stay a few days in South Africa to support the Australian World Cup team.

AP

John Travolta and his wife Kelly Preston, left, sit with children at the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund headquarters in Johannesburg, Saturday, June 12, 2010.

Alaskans recruited for Barrymore film about whales

AP

In this Dec. 3, 2009 file photo, Drew Barrymore attends the premiere of "Everybody's Fine" in New York.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—A production company is looking for Alaskans to play dozens of roles for an upcoming Drew Barrymore movie being filmed in the state.

Shooting on "Everybody Loves Whales" is expected to begin in September. The movie is based on an attempt to rescue three gray whales trapped by sea ice near Barrow in 1988, and it stars Barrymore as a Greenpeace worker and John Krasinski of NBC's "The Office" as a news reporter.

Executive producer Stuart Besser tells the Anchorage Daily News he needs at least 1,000 extras, and 30 to 40 people for small speaking roles.

The whole film is being shot in Alaska, mostly in Anchorage.

Trials of Jesse: Biker to be frequent court figure

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jesse James is getting his day in court. Quite a few of them, actually.

The biker businessman and estranged husband of Sandra Bullock was a fixture in a Los Angeles courtroom this week, where he's involved in dueling lawsuits with an apparel manufacturer and distributor.

James, 41, is scheduled to testify and is expected to attend all the proceedings. The case, with millions of dollars on the line, is far from the only one involving James. It is, however, one that centers on his business rather than his personal life.

He is also embroiled in a custody dispute in neighboring Orange County with his ex-wife, Janine Lindemulder. James had been expected to attend a hearing in that case next week, but it may be postponed.

There's also James' ongoing divorce from Bullock playing out in Austin, Texas. No proceedings have been scheduled in that case.

Bullock filed for divorce in April after several women claimed they had extramarital affairs with James. He apologized to Bullock, but he and his attorney have maintained the vast majority of the claims against James are untrue.

AP

This photo taken March 7, 2010 shows Jesse James arriving for the *Vanity Fair* Oscar party in West Hollywood, Calif.

James is the owner of West Coast Choppers, a custom motorcycle shop in Long Beach, Calif. He also owns several other businesses and has cultivated his bike-making craftsmanship and tough-guy persona into several televisions shows, most recently Spike TV's "Jesse James is a Dead Man."

The clothing dispute being heard in a downtown Los Angeles courtroom centers on a deal James and his companies made with Fortune Fashion Industries. The apparel company sued James in late 2007, claiming he had breached a contract that was worth millions of dollars to produce workwear.

James has denied the allegations and countersued Fortune Fashions, saying the company didn't disclose it didn't have experience creating that type of apparel.

He spent two days this week listening to jury selection, a rare exercise for a celebrity involved in a civil case. Often, stars involved in civil matters only appear in court when they testify.

James, dressed in workboots or other workshop attire, has opted to sit behind his attorneys so far during proceedings. While he had to listen to some potential jurors opine on his personal life, the subject is off-limits during the trial.

A judge on Friday asked Fortune Fashions' attorney to refrain from using the word "cheater" in his opening remarks, even though he intended it only in relations to James' business dealings.

Rapper Kid Cudi arrested on criminal charges in NY

NEW YORK (AP)—Rapper Kid Cudi (CUHD'-ee) has been arrested on criminal charges in New York City.

Sgt. John Butorn says Cudi was arrested Friday on charges of criminal mischief and criminal possession of a controlled substance.

Cudi was scheduled to perform early Saturday at Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival in Tennessee. After taking the stage, he said, "I really wanted to be here tonight."

Cudi released his debut album "Man on the Moon: The End of Day" in 2009. The Cleveland native also co-stars in the HBO comedy series "How to Make It in America."

Rapper Kid Cudi performs early Saturday June 12, 2010 at the Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival in Manchester, Tenn.

AP

Man on the wagon nags his friends to join him

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: A close friend in our social group, "Reed," has been in and out of rehab for alcohol problems. We have all been there to offer moral support anytime we can—including him in golf outings, barbecues, etc.

The problem is he has started lecturing us about "the dangers of drinking." We are social drinkers and professional people. Some of us don't drink; others are "on call" and can't. So it isn't like we're lying around getting drunk as skunks.

Reed has no family here. We love him dearly and don't want to exclude him. But he's starting to make people feel uncomfortable. How should we handle this?

NO LECTURES, PLEASE, IN FLORIDA

DEAR NO LECTURES, PLEASE: Reed is preaching with the fervor of the newly converted. Whoever is closest to him in your social group should tell him privately that his comments are making some of you uncomfortable and to please stop it—or start spending more time with other teetotalers.

DEAR ABBY: I am a census worker and knock on doors to interview people who have not sent in their census forms. I am concerned that so many people are reluctant to participate in the census. Please help us get the word out.

A real census worker will never ask to come inside your house or any questions about personal finance or your employment. If you are not sure who is at your door, ask for the person's picture identification, such as a driver's license.

By now, everyone should have received a census form in the mail. The deadline was very important. Once the deadline passed, the addresses of all the non-respondents were turned over to us: the non-response follow-up team. In order to prevent someone from being counted twice, once the non-response follow-up list was compiled, the rest of the forms out there were no longer collected or counted.

If you mailed in your census questionnaire, but a census worker still shows up at your door, it is because your questionnaire was not received in time. So please bear with your enumerator because he or she has to interview you again. Please take a few minutes to make your voice heard because your participation is important.

YOUR CENSUS WORKER

DEAR CENSUS WORKER: I'm glad to help spread the word.

Readers, taking the time to participate in the census is not only important, but it's also to your advantage. The census is how your representation in Congress is determined. And in addition, the census is used to determine how federal funds will be used to build hospitals, schools and highways in your community. And by the way, the census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution and has been conducted every 10 years since 1790!

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I went out to dinner with another couple. After finishing our meal, I offered our friend, "Elaine," a piece of gum. I handed her the box so she could remove the piece herself.

When she returned the box she said she had taken two pieces. I told her it wasn't right as I had offered her only one piece, which I believe is the correct serving. Elaine claimed I had no right to dictate her serving size. Was she right for "chewing me out" over this?

MORE THAN I CAN SWALLOW, WAYNE, N.J.

DEAR MORE: After reading your letter, I took a random poll among my staff. Of those who had chewing gum with them, two-thirds had packages that indicated a serving is two pieces, while the rest read that a serving is only one piece. I don't think Elaine was wrong to defend herself after you attacked her, and before criticizing, you should have asked yourself if it was worth possibly gumming up a friendship.

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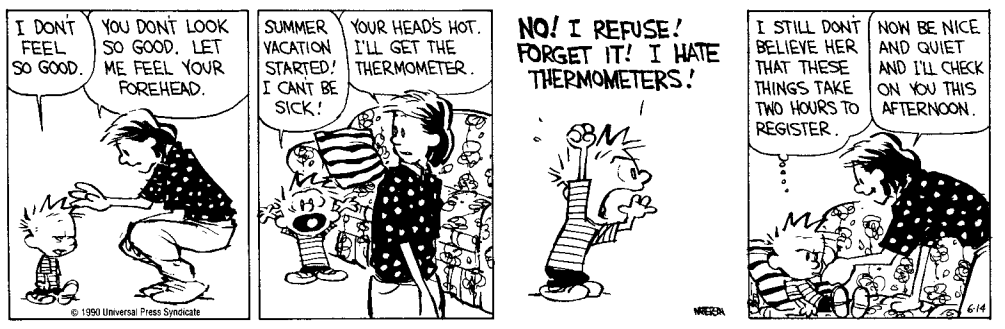
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD.
YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD. LET ME FEEL YOUR FOREHEAD.
SUMMER VACATION STARTED! I CAN'T BE SICK!
YOUR HEAD'S HOT. I'LL GET THE THERMOMETER.
NO! I REFUSE! FORGET IT! I HATE THERMOMETERS!
I STILL DON'T BELIEVE HER THAT THESE THINGS TAKE TWO HOURS TO REGISTER.
NOW BE NICE AND QUIET AND I'LL CHECK ON YOU THIS AFTERNOON.
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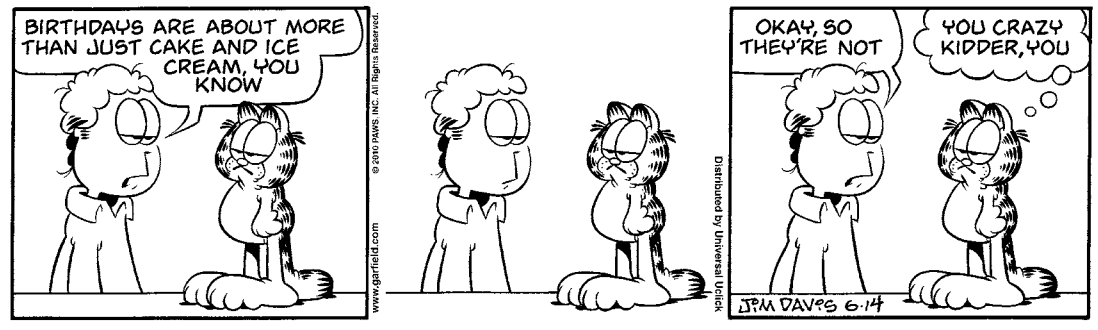
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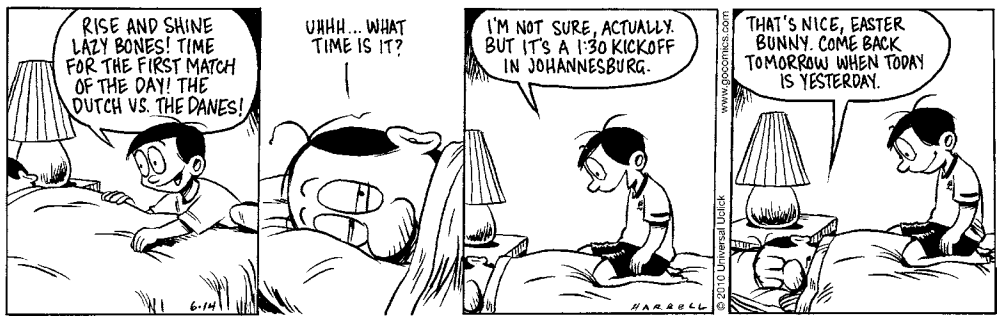
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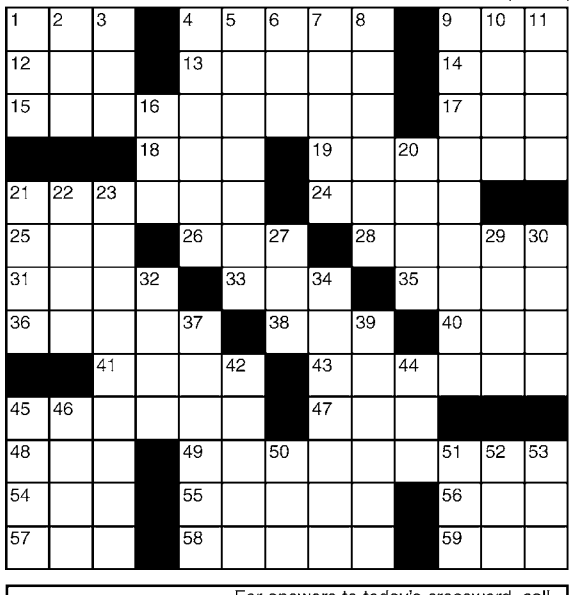

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Getting into arguments because you are feeling emotionally vulnerable will not help your current situation. Stay calm and be gracious and complimentary. Don't let changes at home stress you out. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): You have to know where you are heading emotionally, mentally and physically before you start out. Taking part in an activity that requires skill will help you channel your energy properly and ease any stress you might be feeling. Love is on the rise. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Emotions will take over conversations that involve love relationships, leading to arguments if you don't choose your words wisely. Be honest about your current status. You'll be questioned based on what you say and what you do. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Emotions will be difficult to control and sharing your opinion will probably lead to trouble. Limitations and frustration can be expected if you divulge information you should have kept secret. Unexpected changes will be costly if you aren't prepared. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You will have plenty of unknowns to deal with. Don't feel obligated to make a promise or an important decision if you don't have all the facts. A mistake will be costly. Put time aside for romance, travel or fun. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You will gain knowledge and satisfaction from the work you do with and for others. You can expect someone to be pushy or jealous of your talent and skills. Don't let an argument ruin your track record or your reputation. ✪✪✪✪

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SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): The more ground you cover mentally, physically and emotionally, the better you will do. It's time to get back for all the favors you've done for others. Collaborate only if it will bring you success. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Fix up your residence. You can expect to face opposition regarding budget and costs. Make sure your plans are well thought out and that you are capable of completing what you promise. A love relationship can turn into a very special and rewarding partnership. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Don't make a move until you have looked over the paperwork involved. Contracts can be good but only if they honor the things important to you. An important relationship will have a positive influence on you. Follow your emotions in personal matters. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Stop making excuses and you will turn a negative into a positive. Personal and professional gains can be made if you go about it the right way. Someone from your past will have an influence on what you do in the future. ✪✪✪

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Nava makes a grand slam debut, Red Sox win

BOSTON (AP)—Daniel Nava hit the first pitch he faced in the major leagues for a grand slam—only the second player to do it—leading the Boston Red Sox to their second straight rout of the Philadelphia Phillies, 10-2 Saturday.

Nava connected on a fastball from Joe Blanton (1-5) in the second inning, shortly after being called up from Triple-A Pawtucket. Kevin Kouzmanoff connected on the first pitch he saw Sept. 2, 2006, for Cleveland against Texas, according to STATS LLC.

Only four players in big league history have hit grand slams in their first at-bat.

Daisuke Matsuzaka was a late scratch and placed on the 15-day disabled list with a strained forearm following his pregame bullpen warmup.

AP

Boston Red Sox's Daniel Nava, right, watches his grand slam in front of Philadelphia Phillies' Brian Schneider in the second inning of a baseball game, Saturday, June 12, 2010, in Boston.

Rays 6, Marlins 5

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Carlos Pena homered for the sixth consecutive game to help right-hander Matt Garza and Tampa Bay beat Florida.

Pena, emerging from a season-long slump, became the first player to homer in six straight games since Frank Thomas did it for Oakland Sept. 5-11, 2006.

Pena began the night batting .196 and connected off right-hander Ricky Nolasco (5-5) in the first inning for a 2-1 lead.

Carl Crawford and Sean Rodrgiuez also went deep for the Rays, who maintained baseball's best record (40-22) and a one-game lead over the Yankees in the American League East.

Yankees 9, Astros 3

At New York, Derek Jeter homered twice and Jorge Posada snapped out of a slump with his first grand slam in nearly six years as the Yankees beat Houston.

Javier Vazquez (6-5) pitched seven solid innings for his third straight win and fourth in five starts.

Jeter hit a leadoff shot and drove in four runs for the Yankees.

White Sox 2, Cubs 1

At Chicago, Mark Buehrle pitched scoreless ball into the seventh inning and Paul Konerko drove in two runs as the White Sox beat the Cubs for their season-high fourth straight win.

Konerko delivered a run-scoring single in the first and another in the seventh after Juan Pierre stole second, avoiding the tag with a neat dive. Konerko is 20 for 42 in his last 12 games.

The Cubs got a run-scoring single from Ryan Theriot off Bobby Jenks with two outs in the ninth, but he struck out Chad Tracy for his 11th save in 12 chances.

Rockies 1, Blue Jays 0

At Denver, Jason Hammel pitched eight sharp innings and scored the only run as Colorado beat Toronto in a rare low-scoring game at Coors Field.

It was only the ninth 1-0 game at Denver since the ballpark opened in 1995. The previous one came last July 6 when the Rockies beat Washington.

Hammel (4-3) was masterful all night. He allowed just three hits, struck out six and walked three in his longest outing of the season.

Indians 7, Nationals 1

At Cleveland, Carlos Santana homered and drove in three runs in his second career game, powering Fausto Carmona and Cleveland past Washington.

Carmona (5-5) gave up three hits and one run in his second complete game of the season to win for the first time in six starts. He struck out seven and did not walk a batter as Cleveland won its fourth in a row for the second time this year.

Giants 5, Athletics 4

At San Francisco, Barry Zito finally got the best of his former team and only club he'd never beaten, ending a four-start winless stretch in San Francisco's victory over Oakland.

The Giants made it two in a row in the Bay Bridge Series after being swept across the bay in Oakland last month.

Padres 7, Mariners 1

At San Diego, Adrian Gonzalez hit a two-run homer and pinch-hitter Oscar Salazar added a three-run shot as San Diego sent Seattle to its fifth straight loss.

Gonzalez connected in the first inning off Cliff Lee (4-3). It was only the second homer surrendered by Lee this season—then again, Gonzalez has gotten seven straight hits against Lee.

Mets 3, Orioles 1

At Baltimore, Hisanori Takahashi allowed one run in seven innings, and Jose Reyes and Jeff Francoeur homered as the Mets secured their first road-series win of the year.

Combined with their 5-1 win Friday, the Mets have successive road victories for the first time since last July 25-26 in Houston. New York is now assured of winning the three-game series after going 0-7-2 away from home—its longest drought to start the season since 1983.

Reds 11, Royals 5

At Cincinnati, Jonny Gomes hit three-run homers in his first two at-bats for a career-high six RBIs to power Cincinnati past Kansas City.

Brandon Phillips had three hits, including his eighth homer of the season, to extend his hitting streak to 15 games—Cincinnati's longest of the season and the longest current streak in the majors. The Reds overcame another shaky start by Johnny Cueto to snap a four-game losing streak against Kansas City.

Braves 3, Twins 2

At Minneapolis, Brooks Conrad made two nice plays at third base before driving in the go-ahead run with a squeeze bunt in the ninth inning as Atlanta edged Minnesota.

Conrad also hit an RBI double. He was put into the Braves' lineup about a half-hour before the game—no reason was given for Jones' absence, though the slumping star missed five games last week with inflammation in his right ring finger.

Tigers 4, Pirates 3, 10 innings

At Detroit, Carlos Guillen hit a leadoff home run in the 10th inning as Detroit beat Pittsburgh.

Guillen hit the third pitch from Brendan Donnelly (2-1) into the right-field stands. Donnelly had won eight straight decisions since May 1, 2007.

Rangers 4, Brewers 3

At Milwaukee, Chris Ray saved his first game since 2007 by getting Prince Fielder to pop up after the Texas bullpen nearly blew Scott Feldman's six scoreless innings.

Ray came in with one out and the bases loaded and got National League home run leader Corey Hart to hit into a run-scoring fielder's choice before forcing Fielder to pop out to left field on a full count.

Josh Hamilton hit his 14th homer of the season and Feldman (4-6) left with a 4-0 lead.

Angels 4, Dodgers 2

At Los Angeles, Juan Rivera hit a two-run homer as the Los Angeles Angels defeated the Dodgers for their ninth win in 11 games.

The Angels improved to 11-3 since losing leading hitter Kendry Morales to a season-ending broken left leg on May 29. They can complete a Freeway Series sweep with a victory in Sunday's finale.

Scott Kazmir (6-5) allowed two runs and three hits in five innings, struck out five and walked four in winning for the fourth time in his last five games.

Diamondbacks 7, Cardinals 2

At Phoenix, Dan Haren struck out nine batters without allowing a walk over eight innings and Adam LaRoche hit two of Arizona's four solo home runs.

Haren (7-4) gave up two runs on six hits to improve to 4-0 in four career starts against the Cardinals.

Mark Reynolds had three hits, including an RBI double and his 15th home run of the season. Chris Snyder also homered for Arizona. Colby Rasmus had a solo home run for St. Louis.

Robert Garrigus takes 2-shot lead at St. Jude

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Still recovering from a bout of food poisoning, Robert Garrigus got hot with his short putter and shot a 4-under 66 to break out of a pack and grab a two-stroke lead Saturday over Robert Karlsson of Sweden after three rounds at a steamy St. Jude Classic.

It's the first time the 32-year-old Garrigus has led a PGA Tour event by himself, and he surged to the top of the leaderboard with four birdies and an eagle against two bogeys to reach 11-under 199.

Karlsson, who shot a 68, is within striking distance of becoming the first European to win this event - the tour's third oldest dating to 1958.

Englishman Lee Westwood, ranked No. 3, had led or had a share of the lead after the first two rounds. He had four bogeys and finished with a 71 that left him tied with Heath Slocum (66) at 8 under.

Memphis native Shaun Micheel (70) was tied with Tim Petrovic (70) and Lee Janzen (70) at 6 under. Tom Pernice Jr. was among 10 who missed a second straight cut to trim the field from 81 to 71 at 3 over.

With temperatures in the 90s and a heat index over 100 degrees, golfers turned Saturday into a race to the top of the leaderboard in this last tuneup for the U.S. Open. Westwood was the biggest name among a group of leaders that was as big as seven at one point until Garrigus' putter got hot.

Garrigus has never finished better than a tie for third. He's done that twice before in the 2007 Frys.com and again at the 2008 Turning Stone Resort Championship. He has made just three of seven cuts this year and came to Memphis recovering from a bout of food poisoning so intense he had to withdraw from U.S. Open qualifying Monday after seven holes.

He stayed mostly in his hotel room Monday through Wednesday trying to recover with sleep and fluids. Watching his beloved Chicago Blackhawks win the Stanley Cup on Wednesday night may have helped his recovery by the time he reached the course Thursday for the first round.

Garrigus opened with a 67 and 66. He started the third round only two strokes back of Westwood and Garrett Willis and was in a group just ahead of them with Karlsson and Janzen. Garrigus, who uses a 29 1/2-inch putter, was upset with himself for missing a short birdie putt on No. 3.

He responded by rolling in a 9-footer for his first birdie on the par-3 No. 4 and had a 4-foot birdie putt on No. 11. Then he really got the putter working, rolling in a 22-footer on No. 12 to take the lead for the first time and a 21-footer for birdie on No. 15. That made him the first golfer to reach double-digits under par at the TPC Southwind course.

Garrigus then padded his lead on the par-5 16th by showing he can hit the other clubs in his bag, too.

He hit his drive 321 yards, and his second shot went 198 as the ball just missed the hole a few inches to the right before stopping less than 6 feet away. He rolled in the putt for eagle and dropped to 12 under for a 4-stroke lead. He just missed another birdie from the back of the 17th green when the ball went just right of the hole.

Karlsson was in and out of the lead throughout the round. He finished with three bogeys and four birdies, his last on No. 18.

Westwood lost ground on the back nine when he hit into the water guarding the green on the par-3 14th on his way to a bogey. He birdied No. 16 only to give back that stroke on No. 17 after finding the rough twice.

That left Garrigus alone in the group just ahead of Westwood. He missed his chance to take a bigger lead to the clubhouse when he hit his drive on No. 18 into the right rough, easily avoiding the lake to the left of the fairway. His approach stayed right behind a greenside bunker, and he finished with a bogey.

Big 3 have been inconsistent for Celtics

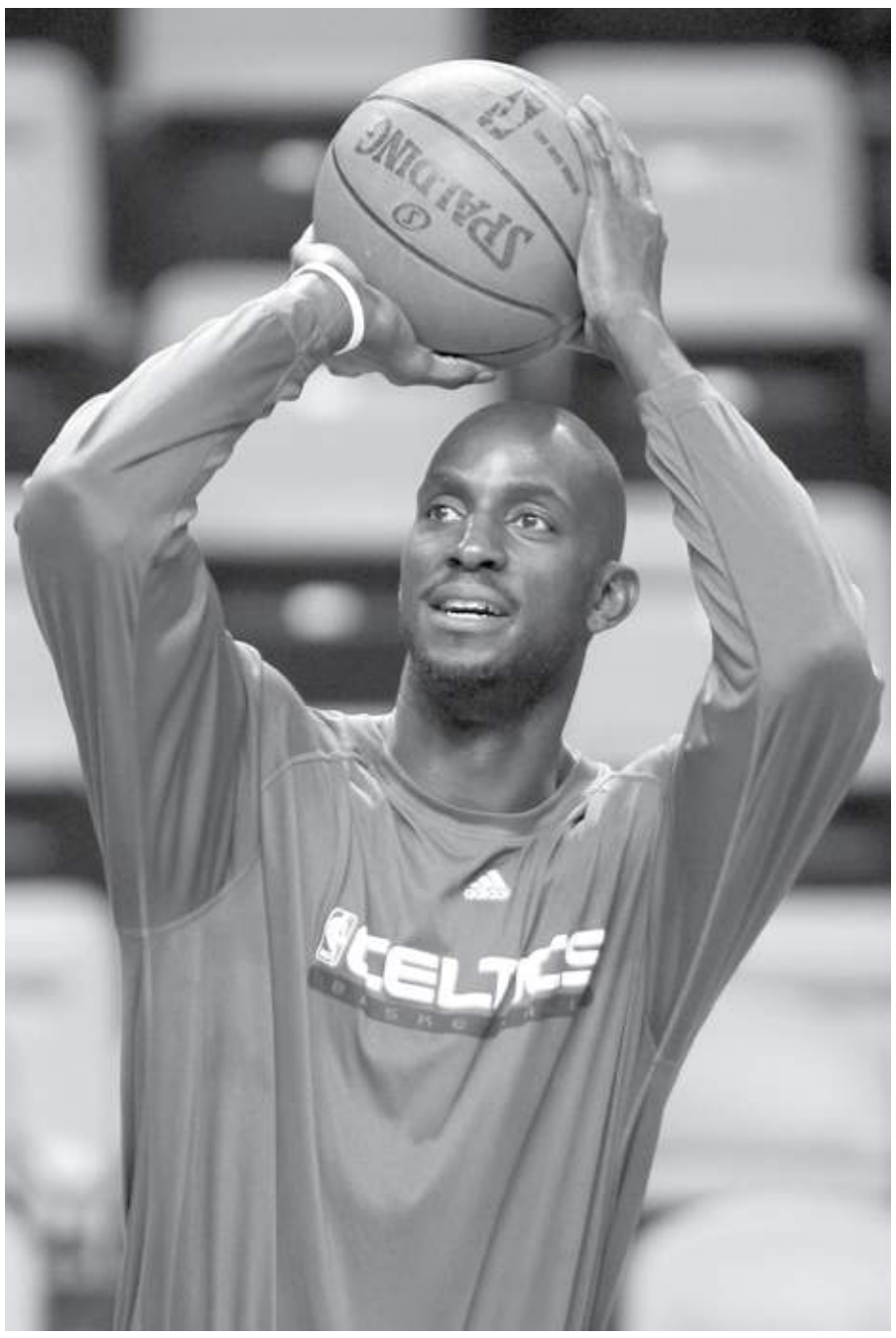
BOSTON (AP)—When the Boston Celtics assembled their new Big Three in the summer of 2007, they suddenly had three different options on offense—too many for opponents to handle, it turned out, and the league's most-decorated franchise drove to its unprecedented 17th NBA championship.

So far in this year's NBA finals, though, the trio of Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Ray Allen has been more like the Big One-at-a-Time: Three All-Stars, taking turns making contributions but never all clicking at once.

"It would be great if all three and Rondo and everyone got it going in one game," coach Doc Rivers said Saturday before the Celtics practiced for Game 5 of the NBA finals against the Los Angeles Lakers. "I'd feel very good about that game if that happens. We're certainly going to try."

The idea of having three scoring threats hasn't quite worked out in the first four games against the Lakers, as one after the other of the Big Three—and emerging star Rajon Rondo, too—has struggled. But the Celtics have managed to tie the series 2-2 heading into Sunday night's Game 5 because they've found other ways to contribute.

"You know what, they're a real sound defensive team and they're going to take some things away, and that's what it is," Garnett said. "The series is a series of adjustments, and I feel like with each game comes a new set of adjustments. One game, it can be Paul, one game can be myself, one game can be Ray, it can be Rajon. But at the end of the day you have to be aggressive, take what they give you, and I think for the most part we've done just that."



AP

Boston Celtics forward Kevin Garnett (5) shoots during practice at the NBA basketball finals Saturday, June 12, 2010, in Boston. The Celtics host the Los Angeles Lakers in Game 5 Sunday with the series tied 2-2.

When Garnett struggled in the second game, Rivers made it his goal to get the biggest member of the Big Three going early in Game 3. It took Garnett only 75 seconds to match his Game 2 total of six points, and he finished with 25.

Pierce shot just 2 for 11 in Game 2, but scored 15 points—making 3 of 4 from 3-point range - the next game and then had a more characteristic 19 points with six rebounds and five assists when Boston won 96-89 to even the best-of-seven series at two games.

Allen hit eight 3-pointers to set an NBA record and score 32 points in Game 2, but in Game 3, he was 0 for 13 from the floor—one miss away from the worst shooting performance in NBA finals history—and he didn't snap out of it until late in the third quarter of Thursday's Game 4.

But it isn't just a shooting slump that's caused the numbers to fluctuate.

Allen seemed to struggle most when Derek Fisher was covering him, and it didn't help that Allen was running ragged at the other end of the floor chasing Kobe Bryant around. Players wind up in foul trouble, costing them minutes and also making it difficult for them to be aggressive driving the lane.

"As far as having a great game from all of us, it's real unpredictable," Pierce said. "Teams have their scouting reports, and some things they want to take away from us each and every night, some guys more than others. So it's hard to predict the other team's game plan and what they want to give and what they want to take away."

The players all insist that they aren't worried about their point total as long as they are contributing elsewhere—whether it's a denied entry pass on defense or a well-timed pick that sets someone else up for the score. But there's also a possibility that the poor shooting will affect their confidence at the other end, too.

"It was important to me to feel like I was actually in the game," Garnett said. "I couldn't care less about getting the ball, I couldn't care less about scoring. But if I need to be effective in the post presence, then I need to do that. I thought Doc did a good job of just obviously consolidating the ball, giving me a chance to be aggressive."

That's when having three stars can be an advantage—even if they're not all hitting their shots.

"We have multiple options on offense, but on defense we try to be as one," Garnett said. "Absolutely it helps to have two, three other guys who can take the scoring burden and carry it, and you just focus on two or three other different things. It's definitely a joy, I can say that."

Lakers center Bynum says he'll play in Game 5

BOSTON (AP)—Andrew Bynum is altogether clear on this: He'll play in Game 5 of the NBA finals.

Beyond that, the key to the Los Angeles Lakers' interior defense—and perhaps the team's championship chances—can't make any promises.

"I'm 100 percent sure that I'm playing come Sunday," the Lakers' 7-foot center said Saturday.

Bynum had fluid drained from his right knee after Boston evened the series 2-2 with a 96-89 win Thursday night. He was encouraged that the swelling had not returned since then. He had fluid drained from the same knee just before the series and the swelling reappeared.

He knows that will happen again.

"It's going to come back after Game 5, for sure," Bynum said. "It's guaranteed. But as long as I'm able to be out there and be effective, that's what counts. And I know this game is the biggest game because it can change the whole series."

Bynum played 28 minutes in the opener, 39 in the second game and 29 in the third. He had 40 points and 22 rebounds as the Lakers opened a 2-1 series lead. But he played just 12 minutes in Game 4 and sat out the last 14 minutes. His totals: 2 points, 3 rebounds, no blocks,

Without him, the Lakers let a 62-60 lead after three quarters slip away as Boston power forward Glen Davis took advantage of Bynum's absence to score 9 points in the fourth quarter. Two of Davis' baskets helped turn a 64-all tie into a 70-64 lead.

"It's rare that you see an NBA game won by one six-point run and that's kind of what happened," Bynum said. "The whole game was real slow, real nasty. We had the lead and we kind of, so to speak, choked."

Had he played, it would have been much tougher for Davis to grab rebounds and make layups.

Bynum's health could be the difference between the Lakers successfully defending their title or the Celtics reclaiming it after beating Los Angeles in 2008.

"I embrace" the responsibility, he said, "because I know what I'm able to do out there on the court and just want to go out there and just be effective. If I do that, if I give us some good minutes out there, then we'll have a great shot at winning the game."

Bynum doesn't know how long he'll play Sunday. That depends on how he feels. He does know he wouldn't be able to play if the fluid had not been drained.

"I'm going to be able to play with the pain. That's not the problem," he said. "It's when the swelling's in there ... it shuts the muscle down and then that's when you're really vulnerable to more injury."

Bynum has a torn meniscus and bone bruise in his knee. Surgery is scheduled for July with an expected rehabilitation period of two to five weeks, he said.

Meanwhile, he plays on.

"He's made the ultimate sacrifice and tried to pay the ultimate price," Lakers guard Derek Fisher said. "As a professional basketball player, your commodity is your body. So for him to take the steps that he's taking to try and help us win, I think that says a lot about who he is and what his purpose is with our team."

Bynum, 22, was 17 when the Lakers made him the youngest player ever drafted in the first round. His scoring average has increased in each of his five seasons, to 15.0 this season along with 8.3 rebounds.

Without him, the Lakers only consistently effective inside player is 7-foot Pau Gasol.

"He's been a factor when he's been out there," Gasol said. "It also helps me to have him there just because of his presence and his length, his size, just rebounding, defending. Those two things are keys at this point because they've been the difference in the series."

Bynum planned to have more treatment on Saturday and be ready for the Celtics to test him on Sunday.

"That's what they're supposed to do," Bynum said. "They're supposed to attack, but I think we'll be ready."

Izzo yet to announce future plans

CLEVELAND (AP)—The Tom Izzo saga staggers on.

And you thought the LeBron James rumors were getting tiresome.

Izzo's week-plus courtship by the Cleveland Cavaliers continued Saturday with no resolution—and no timetable for a decision from Michigan State's coach, who is considering a five-year, $30 million contract offer from the team to leave college for the NBA.

Either he hasn't decided where he'll coach next season or he's keeping it a secret.

There was no word from the 55-year-old Izzo, who spent nearly nine hours meeting with Cleveland owner Dan Gilbert and other team executives on Thursday. After returning to Michigan from the visit with his family, Izzo said his dance with the Cavs "won't go on forever."

It can't, but the lack of a conclusion could point to the difficulty in the decision for Izzo to possibly leave East Lansing, where he has built one of college basketball's sturdiest programs.

Attempts to reach Izzo were unsuccessful on Saturday, and there were no announcements by the school's athletic department. The Cavaliers were equally quiet as a spokesman said the team would have no update on anything regarding their coaching search.

Izzo could be taking the weekend to consult close friends and family before announcing his decision.

The uncertainty has added a layer of drama to the most important summer in Cleveland's history. Owner Dan Gilbert wants to find a replacement for fired coach Mike Brown before the start of free agency on July 1, when the club will attempt to re-sign James.

But that could be impossible with James offering no clues about his next move. Izzo is also at James' mercy.

Without any assurances from the two-time MVP, Izzo may be reluctant to finally make the leap to the pros after several close calls in the past. A demanding, defensive-minded coach in college, Izzo could make a successful transition to the pro game but it would be much tougher if James is elsewhere.

It's not known if Izzo has tried to contact James. Last week, Gilbert said James wouldn't be consulted during Cleveland's coaching search.

While Izzo mulls his future, the Cavs have continued to research and identify potential coaching candidates.

General manager Chris Grant spoke with former New Jersey and New Orleans coach Byron Scott over the phone on Thursday. Scott fits the profile of the type of coach Gilbert wants, but the three-time NBA champion guard for the Lakers could be waiting to see what else opens up.

There is a possibility Phil Jackson could retire in Los Angeles after this season, and Scott would likely be interested in that job.

As for any interest in Cleveland, Scott's longtime agent, Brian McInerney, deferred all inquiries to the Cavaliers.

Flying Dartsmen, B-52, Voyagers top SEDA, SBA standings

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D' Pirates Flying Dartsmen, with 181 wins and 108 losses, and the Lady D' Pirates "B-52 Shooters", with 146 wins and 79 losses, top the latest standings of the 2010 Winter/ Spring Bud Light/ Saipan Electronic Dart Association League Men's A-Division and Ladies League, respectively.

The Gaia-Punishers, with a 169-103 win-loss record out of 272 games, sit in the No. 2 spot of the A-Division followed by third place team, Tijuana A-Destroyers, who holds a 163-136 mark.

The second seated Ladies of VFW "Yakau" hold a 124-101 win-loss record followed by the third place D' Pirates "Mama Snipers" with 106 wins and 119 losses.

In the B-Tuesday League, Wild Bills Naughty Boyz top the leader board with 149 wins and 72 losses with Jonny's "Walastic" clipping at their heels with a 144-81 win-loss mark. D' Pirates B-Destroyers round out the third spot with 134 wins and 91 losses.

In the B-Thursday Flame Tree League the D' Pirates Pu3ska Brothers sit in first place with 139 wins and 71 losses. In a good fight for second place, Jonny's "Trouble Shooters," with 116 wins and 94 losses, is edging out Gaiana-B by two games (114-96).

In the B-Thursday Fanihi League, the Tijuana CK-Destroyers with 143 wins and 82 losses hold a short lead on second place Sande's Naughty Boyz, with a 140-85 win-loss card. The Flair "Salut Balut" sits in the third chair with 126 wins and 99 losses.

In a competitive Kingfisher-C Division, Snickers "Barracuda" holds the top spot with 127 wins and 98 losses. D' Pirates "Shootz" are close behind with 124 wins and 101 losses and D' Pirates "Lucky Shots"-C sit in third with a 116 and 109 win-loss slate.

In the Chichirika-C Division, D' Pirates "Black Pearls," at 139 wins and 86 losses, hold first place by an eight game margin over D' Pirates Sang & The Gang, at 131 wins with 94 losses. VFW "One Shot" is behind in third place with 121 wins and 104 losses.

The Oleai "Snipers" top the Master Division, with an impressive 212 wins and 77 losses. The D' Pirates Black Stallions, at 200 wins and 89 losses, sit in to second followed by the third place VFW "Angry Dragons" with 179 and 110 losses.

SBA 8-Ball standings

After defeating Whatever, 6-1, last Tuesday, Johnny's IT&E Voyagers maintained its first place position in the Budweiser/Saipan Billiards Association, 8-Ball Billiards League with a total of 81 wins and 17 losses; they now boast an impressive 82.7 winning percentage.

Second place team, Docomo Hustlers, made light work of their opponent, the Sentinels, taking six of their seven games to improve to a 70-28 win-loss mark and a sound 71.4 winning percentage.

Third place team, Bud Brothers, won five games out of seven over team Fotten Palau and improved to a total of 69 wins and 29 losses and hold a solid 70.4 winning percentage.

Individual stats from Tuesday include a 8-ball on the break by Tom Tebuteb. Erwin Gomez and Jerry Soriano both ran the rack six times. Roman Rodriguez, Nolan Cultura, and Chester Hamoy each ran the table four times. R.J. Mascarinas and John Mangami ran the rack thrice.

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IT&E

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coach Joe Pangelinan opted not to call one and the plan backfired, as his team committed another passing error.

When IT&E regained possession, Palacios drilled an easy bucket in the paint, upping the team's lead to five, 75-70. Mendoza made it a seven-point lead, 77-70, on a short jumper after an Easy Does It miss from the rainbow area. With 24.7 seconds left, IT&E just wasted the time to capture the first Masters championships.

IT&E won the finals after making the necessary defensive adjustments against Edgar Pangelinan in the second half.

The eventual champion leaned on Yosh Gabaldon to neutralize Edgar Pangelinan, who was held to two field goals in the second half. Edgar Pangelinan converted two early triples in the first period where Easy Does It led by as much as a 11, 21-10.

IT&E worked its way back in the game in the second half, stealing the lead, 38-37, before a triple from Pangelinan finished the first half and put Easy Does It back on top, 40-38.

An 11-0 start in the third quarter gave IT&E control of the match. Bruce Berline began the third with a short jumper near the foul line and Ernie Fernandez canned a few more short jumpers, as IT&E tasted its biggest lead at 13, 55-42.

Easy Does It was scoreless with four minutes had already gone by in the third period. Edgar Pangelinan ended the drought with a floater, but that was his only basket for the quarter, as Gabaldon hounded him in the second half.

Marlon Sison tried to keep Easy Does It afloat with his daredevil drives in the third, which ended with IT&E ahead by only six, 51-57.

In the fourth quarter, Easy Does It went toe-to-toe against IT&E, cutting the lead to one on several occasions before two straight triples in the last two minutes of the match finally put the former in the lead, 70-68.

However, Easy Does It lost patience and focus in the last 1:34 of the match, while IT&E drew clutch baskets from Palacios and Mendoza to complete its perfect season.

Fernandez top-scored for IT&E with 24 points, making nine of them in the third when IT&E seized momentum of the match. Mendoza added 21, while Palacios and Berline added 17 and 11, respectively.

Edgar Pangelinan led Easy Does It with his 17 points, while Sison chipped in 16.

IT&E 77 – Fernandez 24, Mendoza 21, Palacios 17, Berline 11, Gabaldon 4.

Easy Does It 70 – E. Pangelinan 17, Sison 16, Sablan 9, Masga 8, Tudela 6, Deleon Guerrero 4, Demapan 4, Mesa 2, Reyes 2, Abuan 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-23, 38-40, 57-51, 77-70.

GREEN

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only managed to convert one of them against Enyeama in a 1-0 win in Group B, putting Diego Maradona's squad marginally behind South Korea, which opened the day with a 2-0 win over Greece at Port Elizabeth.

After Argentina's win at Ellis Park, the talk was all about Messi's sublime skills and Enyeama's athletic saves, which earned the Nigerian keeper the player of the match award despite being on the losing side.

But the spotlight shifted to Green before half time in the night match, when England let a 1-0 lead and command of the game slip against the underdog Americans.

"That is what you prepare for mentally. You don't prepare mentally for making great saves and playing the perfect game. You prepare for trauma," Green was quoted as saying. "It is regrettable and not what you want to happen, but that's life and you move on. It won't affect me psychologically."

England captain Steven Gerrard gave England the lead in the fourth minute, charging into the area and flicking past Tim Howard for his 17th international goal.

"It was a difficult game," Gerrard said. "I think the important thing in the first game is not to lose."

Green's blunder stunned the English sections of fans among the 38,000 crowd at the Royal Bafokeng Stadium.

"Unfortunately we've let a poor goal in and we couldn't go on and get the winner," Gerrard said. "The goal shocked us a bit. ... It took us a while to get over it."

Maradona's first test as a coach at the World Cup was closer than he'd have liked, saying his Argentine players were "too forgiving" and it was almost like they "couldn't see the goal" against Nigeria.

Gabriel Heinze scored in the sixth minute after taking advantage of slack marking to power in a diving header from 12 meters from Juan Sebastian Veron's corner.

Gonzalo Higuain missed three chances, including what seemed a certain goal in the fourth minute, and Messi, despite confounding the Nigerians with his speed and superior ball control, went agonizingly close on several occasions.

"Thank God we won the game," Maradona said. "To begin a World Cup in winning fashion gives you a certain sense of calmness."

Maradona led Argentina to the World Cup title in 1986 and was almost peerless as a player, but his coaching career so far has been inconsistent. He's hoping Messi can help him turn that around.

The 22-year-old Barcelona forward "performed magic today on the pitch," Maradona said. "I want Messi to be very close to the ball ... If he is having fun, then we are all going to have fun."

The World Cup opened on Friday with two draws, with hosts South Africa allowing a late equalizer in a 1-1 result against Mexico and a scoreless outcome between former champions France and Uruguay in Group A.

South Korea registered the first win of the tournament in Saturday's first match. It was only their second win on foreign soil in eight World Cups.

Lee Jung-soo tapped in unmarked to open the scoring in the seventh minute at Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium and captain Park Ji-sung doubled the lead in the 52nd with a slick solo goal.

The Manchester United midfielder collected a misplaced pass from Vassilis Torosidis and skipped past two defenders before slipping a shot across goalkeeper Alexandros Tzorvas.

"If we had been a little bit calmer, we could have had an even better result," South Korea coach Huh Jung-moo said. "In terms of scoring goals, it could have been a little bit better for us."South Korea reached the semifinals when it co-hosted the 2002 tournament with Japan and registered a win at Germany 2006.

Greece, in the World Cup for only the second time, made it four consecutive defeats at football's marquee tournament.

"We really have to get our act together," coach Otto Rehhagel said. "We've got to improve a couple of things and be brave and courageous enough."

On Sunday, Slovenia and Algeria meet in Group C at Polokwane, followed by Serbia vs. Ghana at Pretoria and Germany vs. Australia at Durban in Group D.

BUDWEISER

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This year's Budweiser league will have a single round-robin format in the regular season, while the playoffs will be a double-elimination affair. All nine teams will advance to the playoffs with the No. 1 team and pennant champion gaining a draw in the first round.

Games will be played every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, but matches will be suspended temporarily from July 26 to Aug. 12 to give way to the Bud Light CNMI Nationals' participation to the 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau.

At the end of the season, BANMI through the help of MARPAC will be giving away cash prizes to the Top 3 placers and top performers in six categories—rebounds, assists, steals, blocked shots, scoring, and 3-point field goals made. The Coach of the Year will also receive cash prizes, while MVPs will also get awards.

OLYMPICS

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Olympic medals in synchronized swimming with 12. Russia has the most gold medals with six, while the U.S. has a 5-2-2 gold-silver-medal tally and Canada has 3-4-1 after the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Imura was no longer with Japan during the Beijing Games, as she signed a contract with China in 2006 and led the Chinese to a bronze medal finish in the team event in the 2008 edition of the quadrennial event.

Tsunami Saipan coach Hiro Kimura said the club's swimmers are fortunate to have Imura teach them techniques in swimming.

"Now, we can say we will see a real coach. She is a world-class coach. She wants to share her knowledge to hard working swimmers like Tsunami Saipan swimmers," Kimura said.

"Many detailed techniques in synchronized swimming are almost the same as the regular swimming. Coach Imura will teach us about sculling, body core training, motivation, and mental training," he added.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	40	22	.645	—
New York	39	23	.629	1
Boston	37	27	.578	4
Toronto	34	29	.540	6 1/2
Baltimore	17	45	.274	23

Central Division

Minnesota	36	26	.581	—
Detroit	32	29	.525	3 1/2
Chicago	28	33	.459	7 1/2
Kansas City	26	37	.413	10 1/2
Cleveland	25	36	.410	10 1/2

West Division

Texas	34	28	.548	—
Los Angeles	35	30	.538	1/2
Oakland	32	32	.500	3
Seattle	23	39	.371	11

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	36	27	.571	—
New York	34	28	.548	1 1/2
Philadelphia	31	29	.517	3 1/2
Florida	30	32	.484	5 1/2
Washington	30	33	.476	6

Central Division

Cincinnati	36	27	.571	—
St. Louis	34	28	.548	1 1/2
Chicago	27	35	.435	8 1/2
Milwaukee	26	36	.419	9 1/2
Houston	25	38	.397	11
Pittsburgh	23	39	.371	12 1/2

West Division

San Diego	37	25	.597	—
Los Angeles	36	26	.581	1
San Francisco	34	27	.557	2 1/2
Colorado	32	30	.516	5
Arizona	25	38	.397	12 1/2

Yesterday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 9, Houston 3
Chicago White Sox 2, Chicago Cubs 1
Boston 10, Philadelphia 2
N.Y. Mets 3, Baltimore 1
Detroit 4, Pittsburgh 3, 10 innings
Cleveland 7, Washington 1
Atlanta 3, Minnesota 2
Tampa Bay 6, Florida 5
Cincinnati 11, Kansas City 5
Texas 4, Milwaukee 3
Arizona 7, St. Louis 2
Colorado 1, Toronto 0
San Diego 7, Seattle 1
San Francisco 5, Oakland 4
L.A. Angels 4, L.A. Dodgers 2

ST JUDE CLASSIC SCORES

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP) — Scores Saturday from the St. Jude Classic, a $5.6 million US PGA Tour event at 7,117-yard, par-70 TPC Southwind:

THIRD ROUND

Robert Garrigus	67-66-66—199
Robert Karlsson	67-66-68—201
Heath Slocum	69-67-66—202
Lee Westwood	63-68-71—202
Shaun Micheel	68-66-70—204
Tim Petrovic	66-68-70—204
Lee Janzen	68-66-70—204
Garrett Willis	66-65-73—204
Cameron Percy	70-68-67—205
Brian Gay	73-67-65—205
Jay Williamson	66-70-69—205
Woody Austin	69-67-69—205
D.J. Trahan	66-68-71—205
Charley Hoffman	67-65-73—205
Michael Clark II	71-66-69—206
Johnson Wagner	69-68-69—206
Nathan Green	73-68-65—206
Ryuji Imada	67-68-71—206
Bob Estes	66-69-71—206
Billy Mayfair	69-70-68—207
Brandt Snedeker	70-70-67—207
Mathew Goggin	69-69-69—207
Camilo Villegas	71-67-69—207
Josh Teater	66-71-70—207
Zach Johnson	67-69-71—207
Kirk Triplett	68-68-71—207
Rory McIlroy	69-66-72—207
Ben Crane	67-72-69—208
Will MacKenzie	70-69-69—208
Fredrik Jacobson	69-70-69—208
Brett Wetterich	72-67-69—208
Retief Goosen	72-68-68—208
Jeff Maggert	68-71-69—208
D.A. Points	74-66-68—208
Glen Day	68-69-71—208
Stephen Ames	70-71-67—208
Boo Weekley	69-66-73—208
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Chris DiMarco	70-69-70—209
John Rollins	71-69-69—209
Webb Simpson	70-69-70—209
Spencer Levin	72-68-69—209
Vaughn Taylor	68-69-72—209
Kent Jones	67-73-69—209
Joe Durant	71-70-68—209
John Senden	66-70-73—209
Mathias Gronberg	69-72-68—209
Gary Woodland	70-71-68—209
Charles Howell III	67-72-71—210
Padraig Harrington	65-74-71—210
Jeff Quinney	68-71-71—210
Dean Wilson	67-72-71—210
Jonathan Byrd	69-69-72—210
Rich Barcelo	68-68-74—210
Charles Warren	72-69-69—210
Chad Campbell	70-70-71—211
Casey Wittenberg	64-74-73—211
Nicholas Thompson	68-73-70—211
Alex Cejka	68-73-70—211
Steve Elkington	72-69-70—211
Michael Connell	66-75-70—211
Chris Rogers	69-70-73—212
John Merrick	69-71-72—212
J.B. Holmes	72-68-73—213
Omar Uresti	70-70-73—213
Roger Tambellini	68-72-73—213
David Toms	71-70-72—213
John Daly	71-70-72—213
Chris Riley	68-73-72—213
Justin Bolli	68-73-72—213

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Weekend Sports

Another action-packed week

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Saipan Tribune's weekly wrap-up is back after giving way to numerous sports events that took place last week.

The week was spiced up by championship games in baseball and basketball and a $20,000 hole-in-one shot.

In the 2010 Saipan Little League Baseball, the Kagman Lions and Docomo Patriots beat separate rivals to claim the Seniors and Juniors titles, respectively. The Lions downed the Fielders in the Senior League finals, 7-5, while the Patriots had an easier time against the Ol'Aces, nailing a 10-0 shutout victory in the Junior League finals.

Also clinching a championship trophy was Bon-Faiyah, which overcame Green Team's twice-to-beat advantage in the 2010 Marianas Variety Women's Basketball League. Bon-Faiyah won Games 1, 63-62, and 2, 78-73, to notch the women's caging title.

While the women's league concluded, another caging competition opened with Unified Basketball Association kicking off its youth league for U15 and U18 age groups.

Still in basketball, IT&E and Easy Does It posted two playoff wins each to set up their title duel in the 2010 MGD/MBFNMI 35A Masters Basketball League. IT&E went on to win the first Masters championship after beating East Does It in the one-game finals (see related story).

More on basketball, the Basketball Association of the Northern Mariana Islands selected two 14-year-olds and young basketball coach to represent the CNMI to the Children of the World Basketball Camp.

Selected to attend the camp in Turkey in August were Hopwood Junior High School's Ed Ello J. Cudia and Jeraldine Castillo and Rollers Basketball Club mentor Joe Diaz. The three lucky CNMI representatives will get an all-expense paid trip to the European country.

Ralph Yumul was luckier than the three basketball enthusiasts.

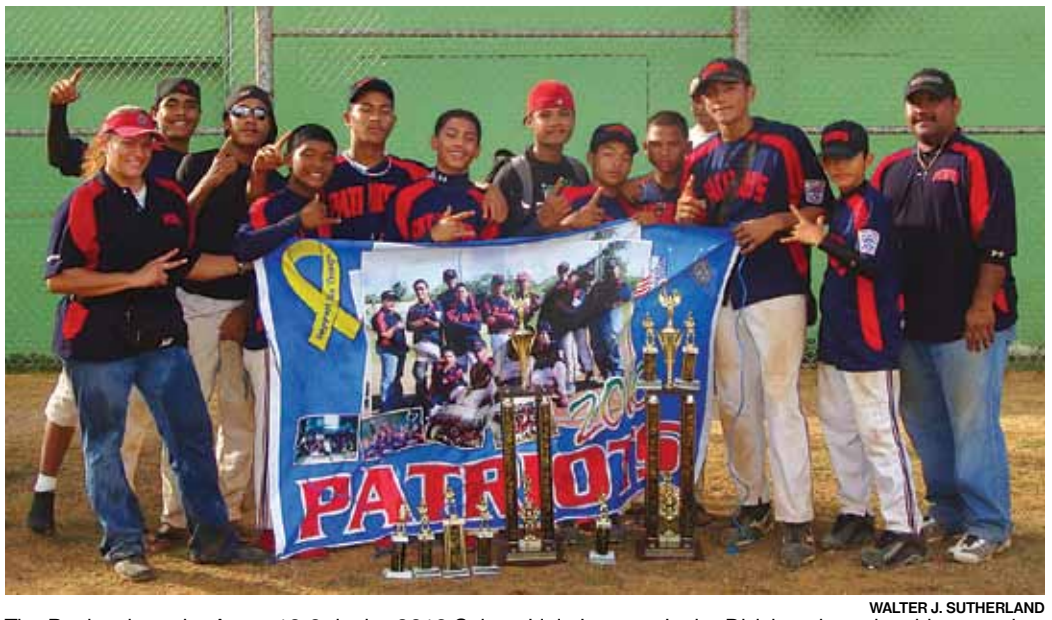
In the 9th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort, Yumul outshone flight winners in the six flights of the annual event after hitting a hole-in-one shot on the par-3 No. 7 hole. The ace netted Yumul $25,000, which was the biggest prize in the event, dwarfing the combined prize of the Top 3 finishers in all six flights.

In other events, three athletes delivered the goods for their respective sports.

Mixed Martial Arts' Frank "The Crank" Camacho won a gold medal in the Mundials Blue Belt Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu World Championships at the California State University in Long Beach, California.

Swimming's Kaito Yanai claimed the outstanding swimmer award during the recognition day for the 2009-2010 season of Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan.

In biking, Butch Sublemente ruled the long course of the Lewie's MTB FundRacer in Marpi.



WALTER J. SUTHERLAND
The Patriots beat the Aces, 10-0, in the 2010 Saipan Little League Junior Division championship game last June 5 at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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The Lions defeated the Fielders, 7-5, in the 2010 Saipan Little League Senior Division championship game last June 5 at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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Frank Camacho, in blue Gi, celebrates on the podium after winning the Blue Belt Brazilian Jui Jitsu Mundials World Championship-Medio Division gold medal.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
John Palacios of eventual champion IT&E pulls up for a shot against a Team 10 defender during their playoff game in the Masters caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Ralph Yumul, center, is all smiles after receiving his $25,000 hole-in-one prize from HANMI chair Nick Nishikawa of Hyatt Regency Saipan, left, and World Resort's Juko Ishikawa during the awards ceremony for the 9th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament last June 5 at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

Left, Bon-Faiyah's Connie Camacho makes a layup against two Green Tam defenders during their championship game in the women's caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Kaito Yanai, second left, poses with fellow record-breakers, Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan president Stan Good, left, and coach Hiro Kimura, right, during the club's recognition day at the Marianas Resort.

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IT&E clinches Masters crown

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The 2010 MGD/MBFNMI 35A Masters Basketball League is now in the books with IT&E winning the championship of the inaugural caging, following a 77-70 victory over Easy Does It on Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

IT&E came back from an 11-point deficit in the first quarter and then went steady in the homestretch to prevail in the one-game finals and finished the Masters caging undefeated in 10 games.

Easy Does It had a chance to hand IT&E its lone loss in the season and grab the championship when it took a 70-68 lead after trailing most of the time in the second half. Back-to-back treys from Marlon Sison and Edgar Pangelinan put Easy Does on top by a deuce with 1:34 left on the clock.

However, everything just fell apart for Easy Does It after that, as it committed crucial errors in the homestretch.

After Edsel Mendoza tied the count with a layup, 70-all, he stole Joe Tudela's inbound pass from the backcourt to the frontcourt to Pangelinan. In the ensuing IT&E offensive play, Gus Palacios drew a foul on Oscar Sablan, who then was called for a technical foul for excessive complaining. Fortunately for Easy Does It, Palacios missed both charities.

Another errant pass returned possession to IT&E and Palacios made up for his earlier booboo after canning an open triple from the right baseline to give his team a 73-70 lead, with 1:06 left on the clock.

Easy Does It had timeouts left, but

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
IT&E's Gus Palacios challenges the defense of three Easy Does It players during their championship game in the Masters caging on Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Budweiser caging kicks off tonight

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Four teams will start their championship campaign tonight when the 2010 Budweiser Men's Basketball League opens its season at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Kicking off the hostilities in the nine-team field are the Becks Sixsevenoh and Bacardi Mojito Hi-5, which will collide at 6:30pm. In the second game at 8pm, the Bud Ice Rollers will take on the Bud Light Lime Ol'Aces.

The five other teams competing in this year's Budweiser caging are the Budweiser Saints, Hoegaarden IT&E, Bud Light CNMI Nationals, Michelob Ultra Sixers, and the O'Doul's Runnin' Rebels.

All nine teams adopted the name of Budweiser brands and were given their respective custom-made jerseys. Team names were determined via a draw witnessed by representatives of participating squads and MARPAC and BANMI officials.

"BANMI has gone the extra mile for this year's participating teams," league commissioner Gabriel White said. "We're not just naming teams with Budweiser's famous brands, they're going to look like them too!"

As a bonus, teams will be playing at the refurbished court of the Ada Gym. The center court where the opening tip-off is held was repainted with the FIBA logo and more improvements will be done through the help of the Division of Sports and Recreation as the league progresses.

"There will be installation of professional floor decals to enhance the image of the gym. This is not just being done for the Budweiser Basketball League. BANMI is making this possible for basketball in general for everyone as part of its strategic development plans," White added.

Besides improving the aesthetic looks of the gym, BANMI had earlier announced it will start using the FIBA LiveStats for games in the Budweiser league.

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Budweiser league commissioner Gabriel White, back row left, poses with representatives of participating teams and MARPAC during the media day for the caging last Thursday at the office of BANMI secretary general Michael A. White in Susupe.

Green blunder costs England; Argentina wins, 1-0

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JOHANNESBURG (AP)—Robert Green's embarrassing fumble cost England a victory over the United States, a blot on the goalkeepers on day two of the World Cup after Vincent Enyeama's gallant performance in a Nigerian side which lost 1-0 to a Lionel Messi-inspired Argentina.

Clint Dempsey directed a 25-meter left-foot shot straight at Green in the 40th minute and wasn't expecting much reward for it, but the ball deflected off the England keeper's right glove and rolled over the line for the equalizer in a 1-1 draw in the Group C opener.

Argentina had plenty of chances but

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AP
England's Robert Green fails to save a shot by United States' Clint Dempsey during the World Cup group C soccer match between England and the United States at Royal Bafokeng Stadium in Rustenburg, South Africa, on Saturday, June 12, 2010.

Olympics coach to share tips with Tsunami swimmers

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An Olympic coach will be in town to hold a short training session with Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

Imura

Japanese Masayo Imura will be arriving on Saipan today and will meet with Tsunami Saipan swimmers and coaches tomorrow. She will teach Tsumami Saipan swimmers some swimming techniques from 3:30pm to 6pm.

Imura was a member of the Japanese national synchronized swimming team in 1968 and 1973, the year she retired and switched to coaching. She was Japan's national coach since 1978, helping the Japanese team claim a total of three gold medals in the Asian Games and four silver and four bronze in the Olympic Games for more than three decades.

When synchronized swimming debuted in the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, Imura's team won the bronze medal in duet division. She stayed with the Japan national team in the next five Olympic Games, earning her the "godmother" of Japan synchronized swimming tag. In her last two Olympic stints (2000 Sydney Olympics and 2004 Athens Olympics) with Japan as a coach, she helped the team win silver medals both in the team and duet events.

Imura's Japan so far has the most

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